

## Our Love For God

1 John 5:1-4

*“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.”*

1 John 5:1-4

## The Love Of God

1 John 4:7-21

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

1 John 4:7-10

*“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”*

1 John 4:11-15

*“We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.”*

1 John 4:16-19

*“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.”*

**1 John 4:20-21**

### **The Declarations Of God’s Love**

- **John 3:16** declares the **DEGREE** of God’s love.
- **John 3:16** declares the **OBJECTS** of God’s love.
- **1 John 1:3, 6-9** declares the **CONSTANCY** of God’s love.
- **1 John 4:9-10** declares the **DESIGN** of God’s love ... Life. cf. John 20:30-31
- **1 John 3:1-3** declares the **REWARD** of God’s love.

### **Our Love For God (Motive)**

**Hebrews 12:28**

**Colossians 2:6-7; 3:17**

### **Motive Of Our Love For God: Gratitude.**

**1 John 4:9**

- God first loved you. **1 John 4:19**
- God sent His Son to die for your sins. **1 John 4:10**
- God created you. **Psalms 139:13-14**
- God sustains your life. **Matthew 6:25-34**
- God provides you an escape from sinful temptations. **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- God has prepared eternal life for those who love Him. **1 John 5:11-12**

### **Our Love For God (Obligations)**

**1 John 5:1-4**

### **Love Has Its Blessings And Rewards. It Also Has Its Obligations And Responsibilities.**

- **EXAMPLES:**
  - Men and women sometimes want the blessings and rewards of marriage, but do not want its obligations and responsibilities.
  - Some want the blessings and rewards of a home without assuming the obligations and responsibilities of husbands and wives.
  - Some profess to love God, yet do not want to assume the obligations of loving God!!!

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her ...” (Ephesians 5:25)*

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”*  
(Ephesians 6:4)

*“... so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”*  
(Titus 2:4-5)

### Obligations Of Love

We must live for Christ. 1 John 3:6-12;  
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

- “No longer I who live ...” Paul became unaffected by the things of this busy world. Galatians 2:20
- There is an intimate union between Christ and His people. 1 John 2:2-3

### Obligations Of Love

We must live for Christ.

- Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2:36-41
- Thessalonians turned to God from idols.  
1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
- Ephesians burned their books. Acts 19:19
- Jailor “washed their stripes.” Acts 16:32-33
- Corinthians turned from former practices.  
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

### Obligations Of Love

We must love one another. 1 John 4:11;  
cf. John 13:34-35

- We must **love one another** for God to accept our love. 1 John 4:20-21
- We are to “**put on love**” to bind the body of Christ together.  
Colossians 3:12-15

### Obligations Of Love

Romans 12:10 “**Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor ...**”

Hebrews 13:1 “**Let love of the brethren continue.**”

1 Peter 1:22 “**Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart ...**”

## Obligations Of Love

We must obey his commandments.

**1 John 2:3-6; John 14:15, 21-24**

- Loving one another is an essential part of obeying the truth. **1 John 4:20-21**
- We should walk according to His commandments. **2 John 6**

## Review Obligations Of Love

■ What obligations must we assume if we love God?

1. We must live for Christ. **1 John 3:6-12**
2. We must love one another. **1 John 4:11, 20-21**
3. We must obey His commandments. **1 John 2:3-6; 5:2-3; John 14:15**

## Our Love For God (Practical Side)

**1 John 2:1-6**

## Practical Side Of Love

- We Show Love! **1 John 3:16-18**
- Sacrifice, service, and spiritual growth are only beneficial when our deeds are driven by love for:
  1. God (**Matthew 22:37-38; 1 John 2:3-4**)
  2. Our neighbors (**Matthew 22:39; Luke 10:25-37**)
  3. Our brethren (**Romans 12:10; 1:8**)
  4. Our families (**Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4-5; Ephesians 6:1-4**)
  5. Our enemies (**Matthew 5:44-45**)

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

- 1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

- 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.
- 4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,
- 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails ...”

## Conclusion:

### ■ The Love Of God.

- Should obligate those outside of Christ to obey the gospel.
- Should obligate those who are “in Christ” to be faithful in service, worship, and to one another.

■ God first loved us. **1 John 4:19**

■ Do you love HIM? **John 14:15**

## God's Plan of Salvation

### HEAR THE WORD

James 1:21-22; Romans 10:17

### BELIEVE IN JESUS

Romans 1:16; Hebrews 11:6

### REPENT OF SINS

Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3

### CONFESS HIS NAME

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

### BE BAPTIZED FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16

### REMAIN OBEDIENT

Hebrews 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58