



“The Absolute Necessity of Love”
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3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

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6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

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

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9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.



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10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.



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13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.





1 John 4:7–11 (NKJV)

7 **Beloved**, let us **love** one another, for **love** is of God; and everyone who **loves** is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not **love** does not know God, for God is **love**.

9 In this the **love** of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.



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10 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.

11 Beloved, if God so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another.





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12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.



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15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.





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17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

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20 If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

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John 15:11–12 (NKJV)

11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

