

God is...

Love

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1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, **because God is love.**

1 John 4:16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

God is Love – What it Doesn't Mean

It doesn't mean that God is ONLY love.

God is also Holy, Just, a Righteous Judge...

It doesn't mean that Love is God.

We don't define God by our understanding of love.

God reveals the true meaning of love.

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Love is an essential attribute of God.

True love finds its source in God.

God's activity is always consistent with Love.

God continually gives of Himself to others and seeks their benefit.

Nothing God ever does,
or ever did, or ever will
do, is done separate
from the love of God.

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1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends...

The distinguishing mark of a Christian is his confidence in the love of Christ, and the yielding of his affections to Christ in return.

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1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

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- Love is from God.
- The one who loves has been born of God.
- The one who loves knows God.

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Because He first loved us.