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1 JOHN 4:7-21



## I. GOD IS LOVE VV. 7-8.

<sup>7</sup> BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS FROM GOD, AND WHOEVER LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. <sup>8</sup> ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE.



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- A. CHRISTIANS are exhorted to love one another because we know God & are born again through faith in His son Jesus (1 JOHN 3:23-24).
- B. CHRISTIAN'S WHO DON'T LOVE OTHERS WILL OFTEN DOUBT THEIR SALVATION BECAUSE THEIR LACK OF LOVE SHOWS THEY HAVEN'T GROWN CLOSE TO GOD (1 JOHN 4:16-18).

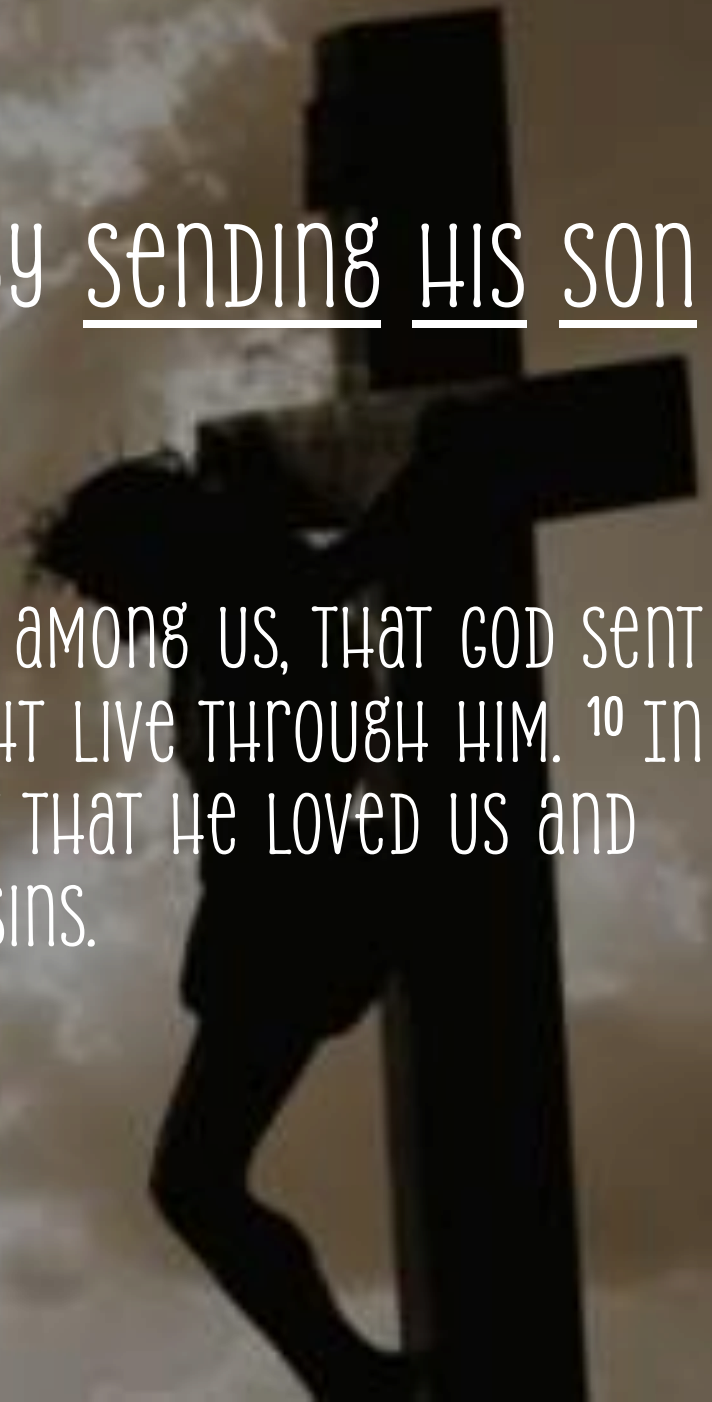
## 1 JOHN 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> BY THIS IS LOVE PERFECTED WITH US, SO THAT WE MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE FOR THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, BECAUSE AS HE IS SO ALSO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD. <sup>18</sup> THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE, BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR. FOR FEAR HAS TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT, AND WHOEVER FEARS HAS NOT BEEN PERFECTED IN LOVE.

II. GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR US BY SENDING HIS SON  
TO SAVE US vv. 9-10.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE LOVED GOD BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

PROPIIATION=ATONEMENT.



### III. GOD'S LOVE FOR US COMPELS US TO LOVE OTHERS V. 11.

<sup>11</sup> BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

- a. GOD SO LOVED US THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON SO THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE (JOHN 3:16).
- b. WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO IS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN IF THEY ARE SOMETIMES UNLOVABLE. (ROM. 5:8).



IV. WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER THE WAY GOD LOVES US.  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7.

<sup>4</sup> LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE  
DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT  
ARROGANT <sup>5</sup> OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT  
INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT  
IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL;



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<sup>6</sup> IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING,  
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. <sup>7</sup> LOVE  
BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL  
THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES  
ALL THINGS.





IV. WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER THE WAY GOD LOVES US (AGAPE/AGAPO).

- A. *Agapao*—THE QUALITY OF WARM REGARD FOR AND INTEREST IN ANOTHER. ESTEEM, AFFECTION, REGARD.
- B. *Agape*— A COMMON MEAL EATEN BY EARLY CHRISTIANS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR WORSHIP, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOSTERING AND EXPRESSING MUTUAL AFFECTION AND CONCERN.