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2 John 1:6 (NLT) **Love means doing what God has commanded us, And He has commanded us to love one another,**  
Just as you **heard** from the beginning.

Romans 8:35-37 (NLT) **Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?**

Does it mean **He** no longer loves us?

**If we have trouble** or **calamity,**

Or are **persecuted,** or are **hungry** or **cold** or in **danger**

**Or** threatened with **death?**

[36] **(Even the Scriptures say, "For Your sake** we are **killed** every day;

We are being **slaughtered** like sheep.)

[37] No, despite all these things,

**Overwhelming victory** is ours **through Christ, who loved** us.

Col. 2:2-3 (NLT) **My goal is that they will be encouraged**

And knit **together** by strong ties of **love.**

I want them **to have** full **confidence**

Because they have **complete** understanding of **God's secret plan,**

Which is **Christ himself.**

[3] **In Him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

1 Cor.13:1-8 (NLT) **If I could speak in any language in Heaven or on earth**

**But didn't love** others,

I would only be making **meaningless** noise

**Like** a loud **gong** or a **clanging** cymbal.

[2] **If I had** the gift of prophecy, **and if I knew all** the mysteries of the future

**And knew** everything about everything,

**But didn't love** others,

**What** good would I be?

And if I **had** the **gift of faith** so that I could speak to a mountain

And **make it move,**

**Without love** I would be **no** good to anybody.

[3] **If I gave** everything I have to the poor and **even sacrificed** my body,

I could **boast** about it;

But if I **didn't love** others, I would be of **no** value whatsoever.

[4] **Love** is **patient** and **kind.** **Love** is **not** jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

[5] **Love** does **not** demand its own way.

**Love** is **not** irritable,

And **it** keeps **no** record of when **it** has been **wronged.**

[6] **It** is **never** glad about **injustice** but **rejoices** whenever the **truth** wins out.

[7] **Love** **never** gives up, **never** loses **faith,** is always **hopeful,**

And **endures** through **every** circumstance.

[8] **Love** will **last forever,** but prophecy and speaking in unknown languages

And special knowledge **will all disappear.**

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Romans 8:38-39 (NLT) **And I am convinced**

**That nothing** can ever separate us **from His love.**

Death **can't**, and life **can't**. The angels **can't**, and the **demons can't**.

Our **fears** for today, our **worries** about tomorrow,

**And even the powers of hell can't keep God's love** away.

[39] **Whether** we are high above the sky **or in** the deepest ocean,

**Nothing** in all creation **will ever** be able to **separate us**

**From the love of God**

**That is** revealed **in Christ Jesus** our **Lord.**

1 John 4:7-12 (NLT) **Dear friends, let us continue to love one another,**

**For love comes from God.**

Anyone who **loves** is **born of God** and **knows God.**

[8] **But** anyone who **does not love** does **not** know **God—for God is love.**

[9] **God showed how much he loved** us **by sending his only Son into** the world

So that we might have **eternal** life **through Him.**

[10] This is **real love.** It is **not** that we **loved God,**

But that **He loved** us

**And sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away** our sins.

[11] Dear friends, **since God loved** us that **much,** we surely ought to **love** each **other.**

[12] No one has ever seen **God.** But **if** we **love** each **other,**

**God lives in us,**

**And His love has been brought to full expression through us.**

2 John 1:5-6 (NLT) **And now I want to urge you,**

Dear lady, that we **should love** one another.

This is **not** a new **commandment, but one** we **had** from **the beginning.**

[6] **Love means doing what God has commanded** us,

**And He has commanded** us to **love** one another,

Just as you **heard** from **the beginning.**

1 John 3:16-19 (NLT) **We know what real love is**

Because **Christ gave up his life for** us. And so we also

**Ought to give up our lives**

**For** our Christian brothers and sisters.

[17] But **if** anyone has enough **money** to live **well** and sees a brother or sister **in need**

And **refuses** to **help—how** can **God's love** be in **that** person?

[18] Dear children, Let us **stop** just **saying** we **love** each other;

**Let us really show it** by our **actions.**

[19] It is **by** our **actions** that we **know** we are **living** in **the Truth,**

So we **will** be **confident** when we **stand** before **the Lord.**

John 13:35 (NLT) **Your love for one another**

Will **prove** to the world that you **are My disciples."**

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John 14:15 (NLT) "If you love Me, obey my commandments.

John 13:34-35 (NLT) So now I am giving you a new commandment:  
Love each other.

Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

[35] Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."

1 John 2:9-11 (NLT) If anyone says, "I am living in the Light,

"But hates a Christian brother or sister,  
That person is still living in darkness.

[10] Anyone who loves other Christians is living in the Light

And does not cause anyone to stumble.

[11] Anyone who hates a Christian brother or sister is living and walking in darkness.

Such a person is lost, having been blinded by the darkness.

John 15:10 (KJV) If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in my love;

Even as I have kept My Father's commandments,

And abide in His love.

John 3:16 (KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,

That whosoever believes in Him should not perish,

But have everlasting life.

Romans 5: 1-11 (ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>2</sup> Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

And we rejoice in hope of the Glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings,

Knowing that suffering produces endurance,

<sup>4</sup> And endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

<sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame,

Because God's love has been poured into our hearts

Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person

---Though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die---

<sup>8</sup> But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood,

Much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son,

Much more, now that we are reconciled,

Shall we be saved by His life.

<sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Through Whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Philip. 2:1-4 (NLT) **Is there any encouragement** from belonging to Christ?

Any **comfort** from His love? Any **fellowship** together in the Spirit?

**Are** your hearts **tender** and **sympathetic**?

[2] Then make me truly happy by **agreeing** wholeheartedly **with** each other,

**Loving** one another,

And working **together** with **one** heart and **purpose**.

[3] **Don't** be **selfish**; **Don't** live to **make** a good impression on others.

Be **humble**, thinking of others **as better than yourself**.

[4] **Don't think** only **about** your own **affairs**,

**But be interested in others**, too, and **what** they are **doing**.

1 Peter 4:8 (KJV) **And above all things have fervent charity** among yourselves:

**For charity shall cover** the multitude of **sins**.

Hebrews 6:10-12 (NLT) **For God is not unfair**.

**He will not forget** how hard you have **worked** for **him**

And **how** you have **shown your love** to **Him**

By **caring for** other Christians, as you still **do**.

[11] Our great desire is that

You **will keep right on loving** others **as long** as life **lasts**,

In order to **make certain** that what you **hope for** will **come true**.

[12] **Then you will not become** spiritually **dull** and **indifferent**.

**Instead**, you will **follow** the **example**

Of those who are **going** to **inherit God's promises**

**Because of their faith** and **patience**.

Col. 2:2 (NLT) **My goal is that they will be encouraged**

And **knit** together **by strong ties of love**.

I want them to have full **confidence**

**Because they have complete** understanding of **God's secret plan**,

**Which is Christ himself**.

1 Peter 4:8 (NLT) **Most important of all, continue to show deep love** for each other,

**For love covers** a multitude of **sins**.

1 John 2:7 (NLT) **Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment**,

**For it is an old one** you have **always had**, right from the **beginning**.

**This commandment—to love one another—**

**Is the same Message** you heard before.

1 John 3:10 (ESV) **By this it is evident who are the children of God**,

**And who are** the children of the **devil**:

Whoever **does not practice righteousness** is **not** of **God**,

**Nor** is the one who **does not** love his brother.

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Ephes. 4:15-16 (NLT) **Instead, we will hold to the Truth in love, Becoming more and more in every way like Christ, Who is the head of his body, the church.**

[16] **Under His direction,** the whole body is fitted together **perfectly.**  
As **each part does** its own **special** work,  
**It helps** the other parts **grow,**  
So that the whole body is **healthy** and **growing** and **full** of **love.**

Ephes. 5:1-2 (NLT) **Follow God's example in everything you do, Because you are His dear children.**

[2] **Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, Who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, Because that sacrifice was like sweet perfume to Him.**

Ephes. 3:17-19 (NLT) **And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home In your hearts as you trust in Him.**

May your roots go **down** deep into the **soil** of **God's marvelous love.**  
[18] **And may you have the power to understand,** as all **God's** people **should,**  
How **wide,** how **long,** how **high,** and how **deep His love really is.**  
[19] **May you experience the love of Christ, Though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life And power that comes from God.**

1 Cor. 13:1-8 (KJV) **Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, And have not charity (Love);**

**I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.**  
[2] **And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, And all knowledge; And though I have all faith, So that I could remove mountains, And have not charity, I am nothing.**  
[3] **And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, And though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, It profits me nothing.**  
[4] **Charity (Love) suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; Charity (Love) exalts not itself, is not puffed up,**  
[5] **Does not** behave itself unseemly, **seeks not** her own, **Is not** easily provoked, **thinks no** evil;  
[6] **Rejoices not** in iniquity, **but rejoices in the Truth;**  
[7] **Bears** all things, **believes** all things, **hopes** all things, and **endures** all things.  
[8] **Charity (Love) never fails:**  
But whether there **be prophecies,** they shall **fail;**  
Whether there **be tongues,** they shall **cease;**  
Whether there **be knowledge,** it shall **vanish away.**

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Psalm 36:7 (NLT) **How precious is Your unfailing love, O God!**

**All humanity finds shelter** in **the shadow of Your wings.**

1 John 4:16 (KJV) **And we have known and believed the love that God has to us.**

**God is love;** And he that **dwells in love** dwells **in God,**  
**And God in** him.

1 John 4:16 (NLT) **We know how much God loves us,**

**And we have put our trust in Him. God is love,**  
And all who **live in love** live **in God, and God lives in** them.

Psalm 86:13 (NLT) **For Your love for Me is very great.**

**You have rescued Me from the depths of death!**

Psalm 86:13 (KJV) **For great is Your mercy toward Me:**

**And You have delivered My soul from the lowest hell.**

Romans 8:38-39 (KJV) **For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life,**

Nor **angels, nor principalities, nor powers,** Nor things **present,**  
Nor **things** to come,

[39] Nor **height, nor depth, nor any other** creature, **shall be able**

**To separate us from the love of God,**  
Which is **in Christ Jesus** our **Lord.**

Genesis 29:20 (NLT) **So Jacob spent the next seven years working to pay for Rachel.**

But his **love** for her was so **strong**  
**That it seemed to him** but a few days.

Genesis 29:20 (KJV) **And Jacob served seven years for Rachel;**

And they **seemed** unto him **but** a few days, **for the love** he **had** to her.

Exodus 20:6 (NLT) **But I lavish my love on those who love me**

And **obey My commands,** even **for** a **thousand generations.**

James 1:12 (KJV) **Blessed is the man that endures temptation:**

For when he is **tried,** he **shall receive the crown of life,**  
Which **the Lord has promised to** them that **love him.**

John 17:26 (NLT) **And I have revealed You to them and will keep on revealing you.**

**I will do this so that**  
**Your love for Me** may be **in** them **and I in** them."

Proverbs 16:6 (KJV) **By mercy and truth iniquity is purged:**

**And by the fear of the Lord** men **depart** from evil.

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Psalm 103:13-17 (NLT) The Lord is like a Father to his children,  
Tender and compassionate to those who fear Him.

[14] For He understands how weak we are;  
He knows we are only dust.

[15] Our days on earth are like grass; Like wildflowers, we bloom and die.

[16] The wind blows, and we are gone—As though we had never been here.

[17] But the love of the Lord remains forever

With those who fear Him.

His salvation extends to the children's children

Psalm 103:13-17 (KJV) Like as a father pities his children,  
So the Lord pities them that fear him.

[14] For He knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

[15] As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

[16] For the wind passes over it, and it is gone;

And the place thereof shall know it no more.

[17] But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

Upon them that fear Him,

And His righteousness unto children's children;

Deut. 5:10 (NLT) But I lavish my love on those who love me

And obey My commands, even for a thousand generations.

Deut. 5:10 (KJV) And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me

And keep My commandments.

Deut. 6:5-9 (NLT) And you must Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
All your soul, and all your strength.

[6] And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands

I am giving you today.

[7] Repeat them again and again to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home

And when you are away on a journey,

When you are lying down and when you are getting up again.

[8] Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead.

[9] Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

James 1:12 (NLT) God blesses the people who patiently endure testing.

Afterward they will receive the crown of life

That God has promised to those who love him.

Leviticus 19:18 (ESV) You shall not take vengeance

Or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,

But you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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Deut. 10:17-21 (NLT) "The Lord your God is the God of gods  
And Lord of lords. He is the Great God, Mighty and Awesome,  
Who shows no partiality and takes no bribes.

- [18] He gives justice to orphans and widows.  
He shows love to the foreigners living among you  
And gives them **food** and **clothing**.
- [19] You, too, **must show love** to foreigners,  
For you yourselves **were once** foreigners in the land of Egypt.
- [20] You **must fear the Lord** your **God** and **worship him** and **cling to him**.  
**Your oaths must be in His name** alone.
- [21] He is your **God, the One who is worthy** of your **praise**,  
**The One who has done mighty miracles that you all have seen**.

Deut. 10:17-21 (KJV) For the Lord your God is God of gods,  
And Lord of lords, a Great God, a Mighty, and a Terrible,  
Which regards not persons, or takes reward:

- [18] He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow,  
And loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.
- [19] **Love** you therefore the **stranger**:  
For you **were** strangers in the land of Egypt.
- [20] You shall **fear the Lord** your **God; him** shall you **serve**,  
And **to Him** shall you **cleave**, and swear **by his name**.
- [21] He is your **praise**, and he is your **God, that has done for** you  
**These great and terrible things**, which your eyes have **seen**.

Proverbs 8:20-21 (KJV) I lead in the way of righteousness,  
In the midst of the paths of judgment:

- [21] That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance;  
And I will fill their treasures.

Proverbs 8:20-21 (NLT) I walk in righteousness, in paths of justice.

- [21] **Those who love Me inherit** wealth, **for I fill** their treasures.

James 3:17 (KJV) But the wisdom that is from Above is first pure, then peaceable,  
Gentle, and easy to be entreated (requested), full of mercy  
And good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 3:17 (KJV) But the wisdom that is from Above is first pure,  
Then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated (requested),  
Full of mercy and good fruits,  
Without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Hebrews 12:6 (NLT) For the Lord disciplines those he loves,  
And He punishes those he accepts as his children."

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John 1:14 (KJV) And the Word was made flesh, And dwelt among us,  
(And we beheld His glory,  
The Glory as of the Only begotten of the Father,)  
Full of Grace and Truth.

John 1:14 (NLT) So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us.  
He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.  
And we have seen His Glory, the Glory of the only Son of the Father.

Romans 5:8-11 (NLT) But God showed his great love for us  
By sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

[9] And since we have been made right in God's sight

By the blood of Christ,  
He will certainly save us from God's judgment.

[10] For since we were restored to friendship with God

By the death of His Son while we were still his enemies,  
We will certainly

Be delivered from eternal punishment by His life.

[11] So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—

All because of what our Lord Jesus Christ  
Has done for us in making us friends of God.

Romans 5:8-11 (KJV) But God commends his love toward us,

In that, while we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us.

[9] Much more then, being now justified by His blood,

We shall be saved from wrath through Him.

[10] For if, when we were enemies,

We were reconciled to God, by the death of his Son,

Much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

[11] And not only so, but we also joy in God

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

By Whom we have now received the atonement.

Galatians 2:20-21 (KJV) I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live;

Yet not I, but Christ lives in me:

And the life which I now live in the flesh

I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me,

And gave Himself for me.

[21] I do not frustrate the grace of God:

For if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

1 Thes. 3:12 (KJV) And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love

One toward another, And toward all men, even as we do toward you:

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Proverbs 10:12 (KJV) Hatred stirs up strifes: But love covers all sins.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT) Never let loyalty and kindness get away from you!  
Wear them like a necklace; Write them deep within your heart.  
[4] Then you will find favor with both God and people,  
And you will gain a good reputation.

Ephes. 3:17 (KJV) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
That you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Joshua 23:8-11 (NLT) But be faithful to the Lord your God  
As you have done until now.  
[9] "For the Lord has driven out great and powerful nations for you,  
And no one has yet been able to defeat you.  
[10] Each one of you will put to flight a thousand of the enemy,  
For the Lord your God fights for you, just as he has promised.  
[11] So be very careful to love the Lord your God.

Proverbs 15:17 (NLT) A bowl of soup with someone you love  
is better than steak with someone you hate.

Proverbs 15:17 (KJV) Better is a dinner of herbs where love is,  
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Romans 8:35-39 (KJV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
Or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
[36] As it is Written, for Your sake we are killed all the day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.  
[37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
Through Him that loved us.  
[38] For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, Nor angels, nor principalities,  
Nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
[39] Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,  
Shall be able to separate us from the love of God,  
Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leviticus 19:32-34 (ESV) "You shall stand up before the gray head  
And honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God:  
I am the Lord.  
<sup>33</sup> "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.  
<sup>34</sup> You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you,  
And you shall love him as yourself,  
For you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

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Ephes. 4:1-3 (KJV) I therefore, **the prisoner of the Lord**, plead with you

That you walk **worthy** of the **vocation** wherewith you are **called**,

[2] **With** all **lowliness** and **meekness**, **with longsuffering**,

**Forbearing** one another in **love**;

[3] Endeavoring (to do something) to **keep** the **unity** of **the Spirit** in the **bond** of **peace**.

Proverbs 16:6 (NLT) **Unfailing love and faithfulness cover sin**;

**Evil** is avoided by **fear** of **the Lord**.

Daniel 9:4 (NLT) I **prayed to the Lord my God**

And **confessed**: "**O Lord, you are a great and Awesome God!**

**You always fulfill your promises of unfailing love**

**To those who love You** and **keep your commands**.

Daniel 9:4 (KJV) **And I prayed unto the Lord my God,**

**And made my confession**, and **said**,

**O Lord, the Great and Dreadful God,**

**Keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him,**

And **to them that keep His commandments**;

Psalm 5:11-12 (KJV) **But let all those that put their trust in You rejoice**:

Let them ever **shout** for **joy**,

**Because You defend** them:

Let them also that **love Your name** be **joyful in you**.

[12] **For You, Lord, will bless** the **righteous**;

**With favor will You compass** him **as with a shield**.

Psalm 5:11-12 (NLT) **But let all who take refuge in You rejoice**;

Let them **sing** joyful **praises** forever.

**Protect** them, **so all who love Your name** may be **filled** with **joy**.

[12] **For You bless** the godly, **O Lord**,

**Surrounding** them **with Your shield of love**.

Psalm 146:8 (KJV) **The Lord opens** the eyes of the **blind**:

**The Lord raises** them that are **bowed** down:

**The Lord loves** the **righteous**:

Psalm 91:14-15 (KJV) **Because he has set his love upon Me**,

**Therefore will I deliver** him: **I will set** him on **high**,

**Because he has known My name**.

[15] He shall call **upon Me**, and **I will answer** him: **I will be** **with him in** trouble;

**I will deliver** him, **and honor** him.

Proverbs 27:5 (NLT) **An open rebuke is better** than hidden love!

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Psalm 91:14-15 (NLT) The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.

I will protect those who trust in my name.

[15] When they call on Me, I will answer;

I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them.

Psalm 146:8 (NLT) The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts the burdens of those bent beneath their loads.

The Lord loves the righteous.

Psalm 97:10 (KJV) You that love the Lord, hate evil:

He preserves the souls of his saints;

He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 97:10 (NLT) You who love the Lord, hate evil!

He protects the lives of his godly people

And rescues them from the power of the wicked.

John 14:19-21 (KJV) Yet a little while, and the world sees Me no more;

But you see Me: because I live, you shall live also.

At that day you shall know that I am in my Father,

And you in Me,

And I in you.

[21] He that has My commandments, and keeps them,

He it is that loves Me:

And he that loves Me shall be loved of my Father,

And I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:19-21 (NLT) In just a little while the world will not see Me again,

But you will.

For I will live again, and you will, too.

When I am raised to life again,

You will know that I am in my Father, And you are in me,

And I am in you.

[21] Those who obey My commandments are the ones who love me.

And because they love Me, my Father will love them,

And I will love them. And I will reveal myself to each one of them.

Matthew 6:24 (NLT) "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one

And love the other, or be devoted to one

And despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and money.

Ephes.4:2 (NLT) Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other,

Making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

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Galatians 2:20-21 (NLT) **I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me.**

So I **live** my life in this earthly body by **trusting** in **the Son of God, Who loved me and gave himself for me.**

[21] **I am not** one of those who **treats the grace of God as** meaningless.

For **if** we **could** be saved by **keeping the law,**  
**Then there was no need for Christ to die.**

Matthew 5:43-44 (KJV) **You have heard that it has been said,**

You shall **love** your neighbor, and **hate** your enemy.

[44] **But I say unto** you, **love your enemies,**

**Bless** them that **curse** you, **do good** to them that **hate** you,  
**And pray** for them **which** spitefully **use** you, and **persecute** you;

Matthew 6:24 (KJV) **No man can serve two masters:**

For **either** he will **hate** the one, **And love** the other;

**Or else** he will **hold to** the one, **and despise** the other.

You **cannot** serve **God** and **mammon** (material possessions).

Psalms 25:8-10 (NLT) **The Lord is good and does what is right;**

**He shows** the **proper path** to those who go **astray.**

[9] **He leads** the **humble** in what is **right,**

**Teaching** them **His way.**

[10] **The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness**

All those who **keep His covenant** and **obey his decrees.**

Psalms 25:8-10 (KJV) **Good and upright is the Lord:**

Therefore **will He teach sinners in** the **way.**

[9] The **meek** will **He guide in judgment;** and the **meek** will **He teach his way.**

[10] **All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth**

Unto such as **keep His covenant and his testimonies.**

2 Tim. 1:7 (KJV) **For God has not given us the spirit of fear;**

But of **power,** and of **love,** and of a **sound** mind.

2 Tim. 1:7 (NLT) **For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity,**

But of **power, love, and self-discipline.**

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (ESV) **As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul,**

The soul of Jonathan **was knit** to the soul of David,

And Jonathan **loved him as his own soul.**

<sup>2</sup> **And Saul took** him that day and **would not** let him **return** to his father's house.

<sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan **made a covenant with** David, because **he loved him as his own soul.**

<sup>4</sup> And Jonathan **stripped** himself of the robe that **was on** him and **gave it** to David,

**And** his armor, **and even his sword** and his bow **and** his belt.

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1 John 3:23-24 (NLT) **And this is His commandment:**

We must believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ,

And love one another,

**Just as He commanded** us.

[24] Those who obey God's commandments live in fellowship with Him,

And He with them.

And we know He lives in us because the Holy Spirit lives in us.

1 John 3:23-24 (KJV) **And this is His commandment,**

That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ,

And love one another,

**As He gave** us **commandment.**

[24] And he that keeps His commandments dwells in Him, and he in him.

And hereby we know that He abides in us,

**By the Spirit which He has given** us.

1 Peter 1:22-23 (KJV) **Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the Truth**

**Through the Spirit**

Unto unfeigned (genuine emotion) love of the brethren,

See that you love one another with a pure heart **fervently:**

[23] Being **born again,** not of corruptible seed,

But of **incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives**

**And abides forever.**

1 Peter 1:22-23 (NLT) **Now you can have sincere love** for each other

As brothers and sisters because you were **cleansed** from your sins

**When you accepted the Truth of the Good News.**

So see to it that you really do love each other **intensely**

**With** all your hearts.

[23] For you have been **born again.**

Your **new life** did **not** come from your earthly parents

Because the life they gave you will end in **death.**

But this **new life** will last forever

Because **it comes from the eternal, living word of God.**

John 15:13-14 (KJV) **Greater love has no man than this,**

**That a man lay down his life** for his friends.

[14] You are **My** friends, **if** you do **whatsoever I command** you.

John 15:13-14 (NLT) **And here is how to measure it —The greatest love is shown**

**When** people lay down their lives for their friends.

[14] You are **My** friends **if** you obey **me.**

Proverbs 27:5 (NLT) **An open rebuke is better than hidden love!**

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1 Thes.3:12 (NLT) **And may the Lord make your love grow**

**And overflow to each other**

And to everyone else, just as our love **overflows toward you.**

1 John 4:16-17 (KJV) **And we have known and believed**

**The love that God has to us.**

**God is love; And he that dwells in love dwells in God,**

**And God in him.**

[17] **In this our love made perfect, that we may have boldness**

**In the day of judgment: Because as He is, so are we in this world.**

Matthew 12:48-50 (KJV) **But He answered and said unto him that told him,**

Who is My mother? and who are my brethren?

[49] **And He stretched forth his hand toward his disciples,**

**And said, Behold My mother and my brethren!**

[50] **For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in Heaven,**

The same **is My brother, and sister, and mother.**

Matthew 12:48-50 (NLT) **Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"**

[49] **Then He pointed to his disciples and said, "These are my mother and brothers.**

[50] **Anyone who does the will of My Father in Heaven**

**Is My brother and sister and mother!"**

Proverbs 13:24 (KJV) **He that spares his rod hates his son:**

But he that **loves him chastens** (punishes) him sometimes.

Proverbs 13:24 (NLT) **If you refuse to discipline your children,**

**It proves you don't love them;**

**If you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.**

Romans 5:3-5 (KJV) **And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also:**

Knowing that **tribulation works patience;**

[4] And patience, **experience;** and experience, **hope:**

[5] And **hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God**

**is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT) **We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials,**

**For we know that they are good for us—**

They **help us learn to endure.**

[4] **And endurance develops strength of character in us,**

And character **strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.**

[5] And **this expectation will not disappoint us.**

For we **know how dearly God loves us,**

Because **He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.**

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Col. 3:12-14 (KJV) **Put on therefore, as the elect of God,**

**Holy** and beloved, bowels of **mercies, kindness, Humbleness** of mind, **meekness, longsuffering;**

[13] **Forbearing** (patience) one another, and **forgiving one another,**

**If any man have a quarrel** against any:

**Even as Christ forgave** you, **so also you must do.**

[14] And above all these things **put on charity** (Love), which is the **bond of perfectness.**

Col. 3:12-14 (NLT) **Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves,**

**You must clothe yourselves with** tenderhearted **mercy,**

**Kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**

[13] You **must** make **allowance** for each other's **faults**

And **forgive** the person who **offends** you.

**Remember, the Lord forgave** you, **so you must forgive** others.

[14] And the **most important** piece of clothing you **must wear is love.**

**Love is what binds us all together in** perfect **harmony.**

1 Cor. 13:8-13 (NLT) **Love will last forever,**

But prophecy and speaking in unknown languages

And special knowledge **will all disappear.**

[9] **Now we know** only a **little**, and **even** the **gift** of prophecy **reveals little!**

[10] **But when the end comes,** these special **gifts will all disappear.**

[11] It's like this: **When** I was a child, I **spoke** and **thought** and **reasoned as** a child does.

But **when** I grew up, I **put away** childish things.

[12] **Now we see** things **imperfectly** as in a **poor** mirror,

But **then** we **will see everything with perfect clarity.**

All that I know **now** is **partial** and **incomplete**, but **then**

I **will know** everything **completely, just as God knows** me now.

[13] There **are** **three** things that **will endure—faith, hope, and love—**

And the **greatest** of these **is love.**

1 Cor. 13:8-13 (KJV) **Charity** (Love) **never fails:**

But whether there be **prophecies**, they shall **fail;**

Whether there be **tongues**, they shall **cease;**

Whether there be **knowledge**, it shall **vanish away.**

[9] **For we know in part**, and we **prophecy in part.**

[10] **But when that which is perfect is come,**

**Then** that which is in **part** shall 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 **through** a glass, **darkly;** but **then** face **to Face:**

**Now** I know in **part**; but **then** shall I **know even** as also I am **known.**

[13] And **now** **abides faith, hope, charity**, these three;

**But the greatest of these is charity** (Love).

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2 Tim. 1:8-9 (KJV) **Be you not therefore ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord,

Nor of me His prisoner:

**But be yourself partaker** of the afflictions of the Gospel

According to the power of God;

[9] Who has saved us, **and called** us with an holy calling, **not according to our works**,

But **according to His own purpose and grace**,

Which was **given** us in Christ Jesus **before** the world began,

2 Tim. 1:8-9 (NLT) So **you must never be ashamed** to tell others about our Lord.

And **don't** be ashamed of me, either,

Even though I'm in prison for Christ. With the strength God gives you,

Be **ready to suffer** with me **for the proclamation** of the Good News.

[9] It is God who saved us **and chose** us to live a holy life.

He did this **not because** we deserved it,

**But because that was His plan long before** the world began—

**To show His love and kindness** to us through Christ Jesus.

Philip. 1:9 (KJV) **And this I pray**, that your love **may abound yet more**

And more in knowledge and in all judgment;

Philip. 1:9 (NLT) **I pray** that your love for each other **will overflow more and more**,

**And that you will keep** on growing

In your knowledge and understanding.

Matthew 12:48-50 (ESV) **But He replied to** the man who told him,

"Who is My mother, and who are my brothers?"

<sup>49</sup> **And stretching out His hand toward his** disciples,

He said, "Here **are my** mother and my brothers!"

<sup>50</sup> **For whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven**

**Is My** brother and sister and mother."

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (ESV) **If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels**,

**But have not love**, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

<sup>2</sup> And if I **have** prophetic powers, and **understand all** mysteries **and all** knowledge,

And if I **have all** faith, **so as** to remove mountains,

But **have not** love, **I am nothing**.

<sup>3</sup> If I **give away** all I have, **and if I deliver up** my body to **be burned**,

**But have not** love, I gain **nothing**.

<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;

<sup>6</sup> **It does not** rejoice at wrongdoing, **but rejoices with the Truth** (God's word).

<sup>7</sup> **Love bears all things**, **believes** all things, **hopes** all things, **endures** all things.

<sup>8</sup> **Love never ends**. As for prophecies, they will **pass away**;

As for tongues, they will **cease**; as for knowledge, **it will pass away**.

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1 John 4:7-12 (ESV) **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.**

<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** (payment) **for our sins.**

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

<sup>12</sup> **No one** has ever seen **God; if** we **love** one another,

**God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

1 John 4:13-21 (ESV) **By this we know that we abide in Him and he in us,**

Because **He has given us of his Spirit.**

<sup>14</sup> And we have **seen and testify**

**That the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of** the world.

<sup>15</sup> Whoever **confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,**

**God abides in** Him,

And he **in God.**

<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.**

<sup>19</sup> We **love** because **He first loved** us.

<sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love **God,**" and **hates** his brother, **he is a liar;**

For he who **does not** love his brother whom he **has seen**

**Cannot** love **God whom** he **has not** seen.

<sup>21</sup> **And this commandment** we **have from Him:**

Whoever loves **God** **must also love** his brother.

Proverbs 27:5 (ESV) **Better is open rebuke** (sincere criticism) **than hidden love.**

Colossians 2:1-3(ESV) **For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you**

**And for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face,**

<sup>2</sup> **That their hearts may be encouraged,** being knit together **in love,**

To **reach** all the **riches of full assurance of understanding**

And the **knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,**

<sup>3</sup> **In Whom are hidden all the treasures** of **wisdom** and **knowledge.**

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1 Peter 4:8-10 (ESV) **Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,**

Since **love covers** a multitude of **sins**.

<sup>9</sup> **Show hospitality** to one another **without** grumbling.

<sup>10</sup> As each **has received** a **gift**, **use it to serve** one another,

As **good** stewards of **God's varied grace**:

Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV) **For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,**

<sup>15</sup> **From Whom** every family in Heaven and on earth is named,

<sup>16</sup> That according to **the riches of His glory he** may grant you

**To be strengthened with power through His Spirit** in your inner being,

<sup>17</sup> **So that Christ may dwell in** your hearts **through faith---**

That you, being **rooted** and **grounded in love**,

<sup>18</sup> **May have strength to comprehend** with all the saints **what is the breadth**

And **length** and **height** and **depth** (of His love),

<sup>19</sup> And to **know the love of Christ that surpasses** knowledge,

That you **may be filled with all the fullness of God**.

Galatians 2:20-21(ESV) **I have been crucified with Christ.**

**It is no longer** I who live, but **Christ who lives in** me.

And the life I **now live** in the **flesh I live by faith** in **the Son of God,**

**Who loved** me **and gave himself for** me.

<sup>21</sup> **I do not nullify the grace of God**, for **if** righteousness **were** through **the law**,

Then **Christ died** for **no** purpose.

2 John 1:6 (ESV) **And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments;**

**This is the commandment**, just as you have **heard from** the beginning,

**So that you should** walk **in it**.

John 13:35 (ESV) **By this all people will know that you are My disciples,**

**If you have love** for one another."

Proverbs 8:17 (ESV) **I love those who love me,**

And those who **seek Me** diligently **find me**.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) **For God gave us a Spirit not of fear but of power**

And **love** and self-**control**.

1 John 4:16 (ESV) **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.

James 1:12 (ESV) **Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,**

**For when** he has **stood the test** he **will receive** the **crown of life**,

Which **God has promised to** those who **love him**.

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Proverbs 13: 24 (ESV) **Whoever spares the rod hates his son,**  
**But he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.**

1 Peter 1:22-25 (ESV) **Having purified your souls by your obedience to the Truth**

For a **sincere** brotherly **love,**

**Love** one another **earnestly from a pure heart,**

<sup>23</sup> Since you have been **born again,** not of **perishable** seed but of **imperishable,**

**Through the living and abiding word of God;**

<sup>24</sup> For "**All flesh is like grass** and all its glory **like** the flower of grass.

The grass **withers,** and the flower **falls,**

<sup>25</sup> **But the word of the Lord remains forever.**

**"And this Word is the Good News that was preached to you.**

Exodus 20:4-6 (ESV) **"You shall not make for yourself a carved image,**

**Or any likeness of anything** that is in Heaven above,

**Or that** is in the earth beneath, **or that** is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup> **You shall not bow down to them** or **serve** them,

**For I the Lord** your **God am a jealous God,**

**Visiting the iniquity of the fathers on** the children to the third

And the fourth generation of those who **hate Me,**

<sup>6</sup> **But showing steadfast love to** thousands of those who **love Me**

And **keep My commandments.**

James 3:17-18 (ESV) **But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,**

**Open to reason,** full of **mercy** and **good** fruits, **impartial** and **sincere.**

<sup>18</sup> And a **harvest of righteousness** is **sown in peace** by those who **make peace.**

2 Timothy 1: 8-13 (ESV) **Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony**

About our **Lord,** nor of me **his** prisoner,

**But share in suffering** for **the Gospel by the power of God,**

<sup>9</sup> **Who saved** us **and called** us to a **holy** calling,

**Not** because of our **works** but because of **His own purpose and grace,**

**Which He gave** us **in Christ Jesus** before the ages began,

<sup>10</sup> **And which now has been Manifested**

**Through the Appearing of** our **Savior Christ Jesus,**

**Who abolished death**

**And brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel,**

<sup>11</sup> **For which I was appointed** a **preacher** and **apostle** and **teacher,**

<sup>12</sup> Which is why I **suffer** as I **do.** But I am **not** ashamed,

For I know **Whom I have believed,**

And I am **convinced**

**That He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.**

<sup>13</sup> **Follow** the pattern of **the sound Words** (God's word) that you have **heard** from me,

**In the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

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Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (ESV) **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart**

And **with** all your soul and **with** all your might.

**6 And these Words** that I **command** you **today shall be on your heart.**

**7** You shall **teach them** diligently to your children,

**And shall talk of them** when you sit in your house, And **when**

You **walk by** the way, And **when** you lie down, And **when** you rise.

**8** You shall **bind them** as a sign **on** your hand,

And **they shall be** as frontlets **between** your eyes.

**9** You shall **write them** on the **doorposts** of your house and **on** your gates.

Hebrews 12:2-6 (ESV) **Looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith,**

**Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,**

**Despising the shame,**

**And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**3** Consider **Him who endured** from **sinner**s

Such hostility **against Himself,**

So that you **may not** grow weary or fainthearted.

**4** In your **struggle against sin** you have **not yet** resisted

To the point of **shedding** your **blood.**

**5** And have you forgotten **the exhortation that addresses you as sons?**

"My son, **do not** regard lightly **the discipline of the Lord,**

**Nor be weary when reproved by Him.**

**6** For **the Lord disciplines** the one **he loves,**

**And chastises every son whom He receives."**

John 1: 9-16 (ESV) **The true Light, which enlightens everyone,**

**Was coming into** the world.

**10** **He was in** the world, and the world **was made through him,**

Yet the world did **not** know **Him.**

**11** **He came to** his own, **and his** own people **did not** receive **him.**

**12** **But to all who did receive Him,** who believed **in his name, he gave** the **right**

To become children **of God,**

**13** Who were born, **not** of blood **nor of** the will of the flesh

**Nor of** the will of man, **but of God.**

**14** **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,**

**Glory as of the only Son from the Father,**

**Full of Grace and Truth.**

**15** (John bore **witness** about **Him,** and cried out, "**This was he of whom I said,**

**'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'**")

**16** **And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

John 3:16 (ESV) **"For God so loved the world,**

**That He gave his only Son,** that whoever believes **in him**

**Should not perish** but **have eternal life.**

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Romans 5:2-11 (ESV) Through Him we have also **obtained access by faith**

**Into this grace** in which we **stand**,

And we **rejoice** in **hope of the Glory of God**.

<sup>3</sup> More than that, **we rejoice in our sufferings**,

Knowing that **suffering produces endurance**,

<sup>4</sup> And **endurance produces character**, and character **produces hope**,

<sup>5</sup> And **hope** does **not** put us to shame,

Because **God's love has been poured into our hearts**

**Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us**.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still **weak**,

**At the right time Christ died for the ungodly**.

<sup>7</sup> For one will **scarcely die** for a **righteous** person---

Though **perhaps** for a **good** person one would **dare** even to **die---**

<sup>8</sup> **But God shows His love for us** in that while we were still **sinners**,

**Christ died for us**.

<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been **justified by His blood**,

Much more shall we be **saved by Him** from **the wrath of God**.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were **reconciled to God**

**By the death of His Son**,

Much more, now that we are **reconciled**, shall we be **saved by His life**.

<sup>11</sup> More than that, we also **rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ**,

**Through Whom** we have now received **reconciliation**.

Colossians 3:11-16 (ESV) Here there is **not** Greek and Jew,

Circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;

**But Christ is all, and in** all.

<sup>12</sup> **Put on then**, as **God's chosen** ones, **holy** and **beloved**,

**Compassionate** hearts, **kindness**, **humility**, **meekness**, and **patience**,

<sup>13</sup> **Bearing with** one another and, **if** one has a **complaint against** another,

**Forgiving** each other;

**As the Lord has forgiven** you, **so you also must forgive**.

<sup>14</sup> And above all these **put on love**,

Which **binds** everything together in **perfect harmony**.

<sup>15</sup> And **let the peace of Christ rule in** your hearts,

To which indeed you were **called** in **one body**. And be **thankful**.

<sup>16</sup> **Let the word of Christ dwell in** you **richly**,

**Teaching** and **admonishing** (warning) one another **in** all **wisdom**,

**Singing psalms** and **hymns** and **spiritual** songs,

**With thankfulness** in your hearts **to God**.

1 John 3:10 (NLT) So now we can tell who **are children of God**

And who **are children of the Devil**.

Anyone who does **not** obey **God's commands**

And **does not** love **other Christians** **does not** belong to **God**.

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Joshua 22:5 (KJV) **But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law,**

Which Moses the servant of **the Lord** charged you,  
To **love the Lord** your **God**, and to **walk in all his ways**,  
And to **keep His commandments**, and to **cleave unto him**,  
And to **serve Him with all your heart** and **with** all your soul.

Joshua 22:5 (NLT) **But be very careful to obey all the commands and the law**

That Moses gave to you. **Love the Lord** your **God**,  
Walk **in all His ways**, **obey his commands**,  
Be faithful **to Him**, and **serve him with all your heart** and all your soul."

Joshua 22:5 (ESV) **Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law**

That Moses the servant of **the Lord** commanded you,  
To **love the Lord** your **God**, and to **walk in all his ways**  
And to **keep His commandments** and to cling **to him**  
And to **serve Him with all your heart** and **with all** your soul."

Joshua 23:11 (ESV) **Be very careful, therefore, to love the Lord your God.**

Romans 12:9-20 (KJV) **Let love be without dissimulation** (the act of deceiving).

**Abhor** (Hate) that which is **evil**;

**Cleave** to that which is **good**.

[10] **Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love**;

**In** honor **preferring** one another;

[11] **Not** slothful in business; **fervent** in spirit; **serving the Lord**;

[12] **Rejoicing** in hope; **patient** in tribulation; **continuing instant in prayer**;

[13] **Distributing** to the **necessity** of saints; **given** to **hospitality**.

[14] **Bless** them which **persecute** you: **bless**, and **curse not**.

[15] **Rejoice** with them **that do** rejoice, and **weep** with them **that weep**.

[16] **Be of the same mind** one toward another.

Mind **not** high things, But **condescend** to men of **low estate**.

Be **not** wise **in your own conceits**.

[17] Recompense **to no man evil** for **evil**. **Provide things honest** in the sight of all men.

[18] **If it be possible**, as much as lies in you, **live peaceably** with all men.

[19] Dearly beloved, avenge **not** yourselves, but rather **give place** unto **wrath**:

**For it is written, vengeance is Mine**;

**I will repay, says the Lord**.

[20] Therefore if your **enemy** hunger, **feed** him; if he thirst, **give** him **drink**:

**For in so doing you shall** heap **coals of fire** on his head.

[21] **Be not overcome of evil**, but **overcome evil with good**.

John 17:26 (KJV) **And I have declared unto them Your name, And will declare it:**

That **the love with which You have loved Me**

**May be in them, and I in** them.

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Romans 12:9-20 (NLT) **Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them.**

**Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good.**

[10] **Love** each other with **genuine** affection,

And **take delight in honoring** each other.

[11] **Never be lazy in your work**, but **serve the Lord** enthusiastically.

[12] **Be glad for all God is planning for** you. Be **patient in trouble**,

And **always be prayerful**.

[13] When **God's** children are in need, **be the one to help** them out.

And get **into the habit of inviting guests home** for dinner or,

If they **need lodging**, for the night.

[14] If people **persecute** you **because you are a Christian**, **don't** curse them;

**Pray** that **God** will **bless** them.

[15] When others are happy, be **happy with** them. If they are **sad**, **share their sorrow**.

[16] **Live in harmony** with each other.

**Don't try to act important**, but **enjoy** the company of ordinary people.

And **don't** think you **know** it all!

[17] **Never** pay back **evil** for **evil** to anyone.

**Do things** in such a way that everyone **can see you are honorable**.

[18] Do your part to **live in peace with** everyone, as much as possible.

[19] Dear friends, **never** avenge yourselves. **Leave that to God. For it is written**,

**"I will take vengeance;**

**I will repay** those who **deserve it**, "**says the Lord**.

[20] **Instead, do what the Scriptures say:** "If your **enemies** are hungry, **feed** them.

If they are thirsty, **give** them something to **drink**,

And they will be **ashamed** of what they **have done** to you."

Romans 12:9-21 (ESV) **Let love be genuine. Abhor (detest) what is evil;**

**Hold fast to what is good.**

<sup>10</sup> **Love** one another **with brotherly affection**. Outdo one another in **showing honor**.

<sup>11</sup> Do **not be** slothful in zeal, be **fervent** (eager) in spirit, **serve the Lord**.

<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in hope**, be **patient in tribulation**, **be constant in prayer**.

<sup>13</sup> **Contribute to the needs** of the saints and **seek** to show **hospitality**.

<sup>14</sup> **Bless** those who **persecute** you; **bless and do not curse** them.

<sup>15</sup> **Rejoice** with those who **rejoice**, **weep** with those who **weep**.

<sup>16</sup> **Live in harmony** with one another. **Do not be** haughty, **but associate with the lowly**.

**Never** be wise **in your own sight**.

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one **evil for evil**, but **give** thought to **do** what is **honorable** in the sight of all.

<sup>18</sup> **If possible**, **so far as it depends on you**, live **peaceably** with all.

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, **never** avenge yourselves, but **leave it to the wrath of God**,

**For it is written, "vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord."**

<sup>20</sup> **To the contrary**, "if your **enemy** is hungry, **feed** him;

If he is thirsty, **give** him something to **drink**;

**For by so doing** you will **heap burning coals** on his head."

<sup>21</sup> **Do not be** overcome by evil, but **overcome** evil with **good**.

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Romans 13:8-10 (KJV) **Owe no man any thing, but to love one another:**

For he that **loves** another has **fulfilled the law.**

[9] **For this, You shall not** commit **adultery**, You shall **not** **kill**, You shall **not** **steal**,  
You shall **not** **bear false witness**, You shall **not** **covet**;

And if there be **any other commandment**,

It is **briefly** comprehended **in this saying**,

**Namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

[10] **Love works** no ill to his neighbor:

Therefore **love** is the **fulfilling** of **the law.**

Romans 14:14-23 (KJV) **I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus,**

**That there is nothing** unclean of itself:

**But** to him that **esteems** any thing to be **unclean**, to him it **is unclean.**

[15] But **if** your brother be **grieved with** your meat, **now you walk not** charitably.

Destroy **not** him **with** your meat, for whom **Christ died.**

[16] **Let not** then your **good** be evil spoken of:

[17] **For the Kingdom of God** is **not** meat and drink;

But **righteousness**, and **peace**, and **joy** in **the Holy Ghost.**

[18] **For he that in these things** serves' **Christ** is **acceptable to God**,

And approved of men.

[19] Let us therefore **follow after** the things **which make for peace**,

And things wherewith one **may edify** another.

[20] **For meat** destroy **not the work of God.** All things indeed are **pure**;

**But** it is **evil** for that man who **eats with offence.**

[21] It is **good** neither to eat flesh, **nor** to drink wine, **Nor** any thing

**Whereby** your brother **stumbles**, or is **offended**, or is made **weak.**

[22] **Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God.**

**Happy** is he that condemns **not** himself **in that thing which he allows.**

[23] And he that **doubts** is **damned** if he eat,

**Because he eats not of faith:** for whatsoever is **not** of **faith** is **sin.**

Romans 15:1-7 (KJV) **We then that are strong**

**Ought** to **bear** the infirmities of the **weak**, and **not to** please ourselves.

[2] Let every one of us **please** his neighbor for his **good** to **edification.**

[3] **For even Christ pleased not himself;** but, **as it is Written**,

The **reproaches** of them that **reproached You** fell **on Me.**

[4] **For whatsoever things were Written aforetime**

**Were Written** for our **learning**, that we through **patience**

And **comfort** of **the Scriptures** might have **hope.**

[5] Now **the God of patience and consolation** grant you

**To be like minded** one toward another according to **Christ Jesus:**

[6] That you may **with one mind and one mouth** glorify **God**,

**Even the Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ.**

[7] **Wherefore receive** you one another, **as Christ also received** us to **the glory of God.**

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Romans 14:14-23 (NLT) I know and am perfectly sure on the Authority

Of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat.

But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong.

[15] And if another Christian is distressed by what you eat,

You are not acting in love if you eat it.

Don't let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died.

[16] Then you will not be condemned for doing something you know is all right.

[17] For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink,

But of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

[18] If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God.

And other people will approve of you, too.

[19] So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

[20] Don't tear apart the work of God over what you eat.

Remember, there is nothing wrong with these things in themselves.

But it is wrong to eat anything if it makes another person stumble.

[21] Don't eat meat or drink wine or do anything else

If it might cause another Christian to stumble.

[22] You may have the faith to believe

That there is nothing wrong with what you are doing,

But keep it between yourself and God.

Blessed are those who do not condemn themselves

By doing something they know is all right.

[23] But if people have doubts about whether they should eat something,

They shouldn't eat it.

They would be condemned for not acting in faith before God.

If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.

Romans 15:1-7 (NLT) We may know that these things make no difference,

But we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves.

We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of those

Who think these things are wrong.

[2] We should please others.

If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord.

[3] For even Christ didn't please himself.

As the Scriptures say, "Those who insult You are also insulting Me."

[4] Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.

They give us hope and encouragement

As we wait patiently for God's promises.

[5] May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live

In complete harmony with each other—

Each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other.

[6] Then all of you can join together with one voice,

Giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[7] So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified.

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Romans 14:14-23 (ESV) I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus

That nothing is unclean in itself,

But it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

<sup>15</sup> For if your brother is grieved by what you eat,

You are **no longer** walking in love.

By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.

<sup>16</sup> So **do not** let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.

<sup>17</sup> For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking

But of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup> Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

<sup>19</sup> So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up building.

<sup>20</sup> **Do not,** for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.

Everything is indeed clean,

But it is **wrong** for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.

<sup>21</sup> It is good not to eat meat or drink wine

Or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

<sup>22</sup> The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God.

Blessed is the one who **has no reason** to pass judgment on himself

For what he approves.

<sup>23</sup> But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, **because** the eating

Is **not** from faith. For whatever **does not** proceed from faith is sin.

Romans 15:1-7 (ESV) We who are strong have an obligation

To bear with the failings of the weak, and **not** to please ourselves.

<sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

<sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is Written,

"The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was Written in former days was written for our instruction,

That through endurance and through

The encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live

In such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> That together you may with one voice glorify the God

And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 13:8-10 (NLT) Pay all your debts, except the debt of love for others.

You can never finish paying that if you love your neighbor,

You will fulfill all the requirements of God's law.

[9] For the commandments against adultery and murder and stealing and coveting—

And any other commandment—Are all summed up

In this One commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

[10] Love does **no** wrong to anyone,

So love satisfies all of God's requirements.

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John 17:21-26 (NLT) My prayer for all of them is that they will be one,

Just as You and I are One, Father—

That just as You are in Me and I am in you,

So they will be in Us,

And the world will believe You sent Me.

[22] "I have given them the glory You gave me, so that they may be one, as We are—

[23] I in them and You in me, all being perfected into one.

Then the world will know that You sent Me and will understand that You love them as much as you love Me.

[24] Father, I want these whom you've given Me

To be with Me, so they can see my glory. You gave me the glory

Because You loved Me even before the world began!

[25] "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you,

But I do; and these disciples know You sent me.

[26] And I have revealed You to them and will keep on revealing you.

I will do this so that Your love for me may be in them and I in them."

John 17: 13-26 (ESV) But now I am coming to You, and these things

I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

<sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them

Because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>15</sup> I do not ask that You take them out of the world,

But that You keep them from the evil one.

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the Truth; Your word is truth.

<sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

<sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in Truth.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those

Who will believe in Me through their word,

<sup>21</sup> That they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in you, that they also

May be in Us, So that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

<sup>22</sup> The glory that You have given Me I have given to them,

That they may be one even as We are One,

<sup>23</sup> I in them and You in me, that they may become perfectly one,

So that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them

Even as You loved Me.

<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me,

May be with Me where I am, to see my glory that You have given me

Because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you,

I know You, and these know that you have sent me.

<sup>26</sup> I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known,

That the love with which You have loved Me

May be in them, and I in them."

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1 John 3:10 (KJV) In this the children of God are manifest,

**And the children of** the devil:

Whosoever does **not** righteousness is **not** of God,

**Neither** he that loves **not** his brother.

Proverbs 8:17 (KJV) **I love them that love me;**

And those that **seek Me** early shall **find me**.

Psalms 36:7 (NLT) **How precious is Your unfailing love, O God!**

**All humanity finds shelter** in **the shadow of Your wings**.

Proverbs 27:5 (KJV) **Open rebuke** (correction) is **better than secret love**.

Isaiah 54:5-17 (ESV) **For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts**

**Is His name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,**

**The God of the whole earth he is called.**

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord has called** you like a wife **deserted**

And **grieved** in spirit,

Like a wife of youth **when she is cast off, says your God.**

<sup>7</sup> **For a brief moment I deserted** you, **but with great compassion I will gather** you.

<sup>8</sup> **In overflowing anger for a moment**

**I hid my face from you,**

**But with everlasting love I will have compassion on** you,"

**Says the Lord, your Redeemer.**

<sup>9</sup> **"This is like** the days of Noah **to Me: as I swore** that the **waters** of Noah

**Should no more** go over the earth,

**So I have sworn that I will not be** angry with you,

**And will not** rebuke you.

<sup>10</sup> For the mountains **may depart** and the hills **be removed,**

**But My steadfast love shall not** depart from you,

**And My covenant of peace shall not be** removed," **says the Lord,**

**Who has compassion on** you.

Luke 6:32-36 (ESV) **"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you?**

For **even** sinners **love** those who **love** them.

<sup>33</sup> And **if you do** good to those who **do** good to you,

**What benefit is that to you?** For **even** sinners **do** the same.

<sup>34</sup> And **if you lend** to those from whom you **expect** to receive,

**What credit is that** to you?

**Even** sinners **lend** to sinners, to **get back** the same amount.

<sup>35</sup> But **love** your enemies, and **do good**, and **lend**, **expecting nothing in return,**

And your **reward** will be **great**, and you **will** be **sons of the Most High,**

**For He is kind to** the **ungrateful** and the **evil.**

<sup>36</sup> **Be merciful,** even as your **Father is merciful.**

## Page # 5bd / What does love mean to God?

Psalms 91:14-16 (ESV) "Because He holds fast to Me in love,

I will deliver Him; I will protect him, because he knows My Name.

<sup>15</sup> When He calls to Me, I will answer him;

I will be with Him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy Him and show him my salvation."

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you

To walk in a manner worthy of the calling

To which you have been called,

<sup>2</sup> With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

<sup>3</sup> Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

John 14:19-21 (ESV) Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more,

But you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.

<sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me,

And I in you.

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.

And he who loves Me will be loved by my Father,

And I will love him

And manifest Myself to him."

Romans 12:21 (NLT) Don't let evil get the best of you,

But conquer evil by doing good.

John 17:25-26 (ESV) O Righteous Father, even though the world does not know you,

I know You, and these know that you have sent me.

<sup>26</sup> I made known to them Your Name, and I will continue to make it known,

That the love with which You have loved Me

May be in them, and I in them."

John 15:10 (ESV) If you keep My commandments, you will abide in my love,

Just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Joshua 23:11 (KJV) Take good heed therefore unto yourselves,

That you love the Lord your God.

Romans 13:8-10 (ESV) Owe no one anything, except to love each other,

For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder,

You shall not steal, You shall not covet,"

And any other commandment, are summed up in this Word:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

## Page # 5be / What does love mean to God?

Proverbs 10:12 (ESV) Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

John 15:9-12 (NLT) "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me.  
Remain in My love.

[10] When you obey Me, you remain in my love,  
Just as I obey my Father and remain in his love.

[11] I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy.  
Yes, your joy will overflow!

[12] I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.

John 16:27-28 (ESV) For the Father himself loves you,  
Because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God.  
<sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world,  
And now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

John 16:27-28 (NLT) For the Father himself loves you dearly  
Because you love Me  
And believe that I came from God.  
[28] Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and I will leave the world  
And return to the Father."