

## God Is Love

### I John 4:4-6

**4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

**5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

**6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

### I John 4:7-8

**7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

**8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

### I John 4:9-10

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

Manifested = bring to light

**10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Propitiation = Gr. 'hilasmos' = atonement

### I John 4:11-15

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

**12** No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**13** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

**14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

**15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

### I John 4:16-21

**16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

**17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Boldness = Gr. 'parrhesia' = confidence.

**18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Perfect = The word implies full development, growth into maturity of godliness, not sinless perfection.

**19** We love him, because he first loved us.

**20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

**21** And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

**Mark 12:28-31**

**28** And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

**29** And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

**30** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: *this is* the first commandment.

**31** And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these

**AMEN**