

Let us love

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Opening text

- **1 John 4:7-11** - 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. 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.

Command to Love

- **1 John 3:23** - ²³ 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.

Forms of Love

- Eros – The love between a boy and a girl
- Phileo – Love based on common interests
- Agapao – unconditional, sacrificial, an act of the will

Love in Action

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-5** - ⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

Two categories of people

1. **Those not born of God**

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What does it mean to be born of God?

- **1 John 5:1** - **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of** God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.
- **1 John 3:9** — ⁹ **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

- **1 John 2:29** - ²⁹ If ye know that he is righteous, **ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**

Those who don't know God

- ⁸ **He who does not love does not know God,** for God is love.
- **1 Corinthians 3:1-3** -But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

How to Love one another

1. **Just Do It!**

- **1 John 2:5** – ⁵ **But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:** hereby know we that we are in him.