
Whoever Loves Has Been Born of God

" Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8, ESV)

1. Everyone who loves his brother.

"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. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." (1 John 4:20-21, ESV)

"Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling." (1 John 2:10, ESV)

"We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death." (1 John 3:14, ESV)

" Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him." (1 John 5:1, ESV)

2. Love is from God.

"And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live." (Deuteronomy 30:6, ESV)

"Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more," (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10, ESV)

3. Whoever loves is from God.

"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us." (1 John 4:12, ESV)

"If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him." (1 John 2:29, ESV)

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4. Anyone who hates his brother does not know God.

"Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him," (1 John 2:4, ESV)

"Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness." (1 John 2:9, ESV)

"No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him." (1 John 3:6, ESV)

"Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.'" (John 8:54-55, ESV)

5. God is love.

"The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'"" (Exodus 34:6-7, ESV)

"For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you." (Psalm 86:5, ESV)

"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." (Psalm 86:15, ESV)

"Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11, ESV)

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us," (Ephesians 2:4, ESV)

"for our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:29, ESV)



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