



God's Love Is In You



Did you ever wonder where love comes from? Most people don't realize that all love comes from God because God is love!

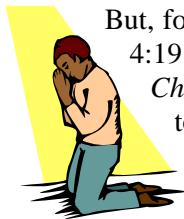
We know this because 1 John 4:7,8 says *"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God and everyone that loves is born of God, and knows God. He that does not love, does not know God; for God is love."*



When God created the first man and woman, He made them exactly like Himself. His love was breathed into their soul and has been a part of every human soul since then. (Genesis 2:7)

Life is all about love. That's the way God designed it. Love is the only true meaning of life....It takes a long time to realize that it is God's love, and our response to that love, that will meet every need for love we will ever have.

Because God is a spirit and you can't feel His arms around you, you may feel like you need someone with skin on him to love you and help you support your kids and be there for you when you need him. (John 4:24)



But, for every need you will ever have, God has given a promise to meet it. Phillipians 4:19 says *"My God shall supply all of your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* He has lots of ways to meet your needs when you pray and ask Him to. He waits for your prayer before He answers it, because He wants to know if you love and trust Him and have faith in His promises.

Hebrews 11:6 says, *"Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for whoever comes to God must believe (put their trust in) that He exists, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek after Him."*

That's why when someone asked Jesus what was the most important commandment in the whole Bible, Jesus answered, *"It is this; 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.' That is the first and most important commandment, and the second is like it (equally as important); 'You shall love your neighbor as you do yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-40)*

Love like that requires trust on our part. Most of us are willing to love God, but we don't know Him well enough to trust Him with all of our broken heart, all of our longing soul, and all of our troubled mind.

We have trouble trusting God for the same reason we have trouble loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. We don't love and trust ourselves. And a lot of the time we don't even like ourselves. So we think God feels the same way about us.

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A belief that God can't love you because you can't love yourself will keep you from drawing close to God and opening your heart to Him so He can heal you. Instead of keeping your eyes on your weaknesses and failures, and all the things you've done wrong, God wants you to take your eyes off yourself and look at Him through His Word. (James 4:8)

John 16:33 says, *"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have perfect peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer – take courage, be confident, certain, undaunted – for I have overcome the world – I have deprived it of its power hurt you."*

Love is the experience of oneness, a union of your mind and heart with someone else's.



In 1Corinthians 3:16, the Bible says *"Don't you know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells (lives) in you?"* and 1Cor. 6:17 says *"If we are joined unto the Lord we are one spirit with Him – union of mind and heart and spirit in the oneness of love."*

When we attempt to create this kind of union with others before first creating it in ourselves with God it won't work that way. You cannot get love from the outside until you have this love on the inside.

We go into a relationship looking for love, not realizing that we must bring love with us – bringing the love of God that is in us to give peace, and joy, and a strong sense of value of who we are to the relationship, both with people and with God.

People cannot fulfill your need for love. They may want to, and even try to, and even convince you that they can – but they can't. Love is a response, not a give-away. Only the love of God within us will reveal our true self – who He created us to be – and it is the response to this love in us that enables us to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength; and our neighbor as ourself.



We have the wonderful promise in John 14:23 *"If a man really loves Me, he will keep My words – obey My teachings, and My Father will love him, and we will come to Him and make our home (our residence) with him."*

"We love him because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) God's love in us is like a magnet that draws a loving response from others – thereby fulfilling our deep need to be loved.

God's love is in you! He will never leave you or forsake you! *"Even if my father and my mother forsake me, yet the Lord will take me up and adopt me as His child."* (Psalm 27:10)



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1. Where does all love come from? (1 John 4:8) _____

2. How do you know that? (1 John 4:7, 8) _____

3. How did love enter the soul of human beings? (Genesis 2:7) _____

4. How do we know God is a spirit? (John 4:24) _____

5. How will God supply all of your needs? (Philippians 4:19) _____

6. How can I please God? (Hebrews 11:6) _____

7. What are the two most important commandments? (Matthew 22:37) _____

8. How can I get near to God? (James 4:8) _____

9. What makes me a temple of God? (1 Corinthians 3:16) _____

10. How can I be one spirit with the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:17) _____

11. How can I show the Lord that I really love him? (John 14:23) _____

12. How can I respond to God's love? (1 John 4:19)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE: _____

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1. Where does all love come from? (1 John 4:8) Love is of God, for God is love.
2. How do you know that? (1 John 4:7, 8) The Bible says it's true.
3. How did love enter the soul of human beings? (Genesis 2:7) God breathed His spirit into the first man and woman, and God is love.
4. How do we know God is a spirit? (John 4:24) Jesus said it.
5. How will God supply all of your needs? (Phillipians 4:19) He will supply them from His riches in glory.
6. How can I please God? (Hebrews 11:6) By having faith and trusting Him to do what He says.
7. What are the two most important commandments? (Matthew 22:37-40) That I love God with all my heart, soul and mind and my neighbor as myself.
8. How can I get near to God? (James 4:8) If I draw near Him (in prayer and praise), He will draw near to me.
9. What makes me a temple of God? (1 Corinthians 3:16) I am a temple of God because the Spirit of God lives in me.
10. How can I be one spirit with the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:17) By joining with Him in union of heart and mind and spirit in love.
11. How can I show the Lord that I really love him? (John 14:23) By keeping His commandments and obeying His Words.
12. How can I respond to God's love? (1 John 4:19)

MEMORY VERSE: "We love Him because He first loved us."