

The Love Of God (Declarations)

1 John 4:7-21

The Declarations God's Love

- **John 3:16** Declares the DEGREE of God's love.
- **John 3:16** declares the OBJECTS of God's love.
- **1 John 1:3, 6-9** Declares the CONSTANCY of God's love.
- **1 John 4:9-10** Declares the DESIGN of God's love ... Life. cf. John 20:30-31
- **1 John 3:1-3** Declares the REWARD of God's love.

Our Love For God (Motive)

1 John 5:1-4

Motive Of Our Love For God Gratitude. 1 John 4:9-10

- God first loved you. 1 John 4:19
- God sent His Son to die for your sins. 1 John 4:10
- God created you. Ps. 139:13-14
- God sustains your life. Mt. 6:25-34
- God gives you escape from sinful temptations. 1 Cor. 10:13
- God has prepared eternal life for those who love Him. 1 John 5:11-12

Our Love For God (Obligations)

1 John 5:1-4

Love Has Its Blessings And Rewards. It Also Has Its Obligations And Responsibilities.

- **EXAMPLES:**
 - Men and women want the blessings and rewards of marriage, but do not want its obligations and responsibilities.
 - Some want the blessings and rewards of a home without assuming the obligations and responsibilities of husbands and wives.
- Some profess to love God, yet do not want to assume the obligations of loving God !!!

Eph 5:25

25 **Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it**
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Titus 2:1-5

“that they may **train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children**, (to be) sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

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Obligations Of Love

We must live for Christ. 1 John 3:6-12; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Gal. 2:20

- “*No longer I that live...*” Paul became insensible to the things of this busy world.
- There was an intimate union between Christ and His people. 1 John 2:2-3

Obligations Of Love

We must live for Christ.

- Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2
- Thessalonians turned from idols. 1 Thess. 1:9
- Ephesians burned their books. Acts 19:19
- Jailor “washed their stripes.” Acts 16:33
- Corinthians turned from former practices. 1 Cor. 6:9-11

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Obligations Of Love

We must love one another. 1 John 4:11; 20-21; cf. John 13:34-35

- We must love one another for God to accept our love. 1 John 4:20-21
- We are to “*put on love*” to bind the body of Christ together. Col. 3:14

Obligations Of Love

Rom 12:10 In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another;

Heb 13:1 Let love of the brethren continue.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently

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Obligations Of Love

We must obey his commandments.

1 John 2:3ff; John 14:15, 21-24

- Loving one another is an essential part of obeying the truth. 1 John 4:20-21
- 1 Pet. 1:22 “Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently.”

Review Obligations Of Love

- What obligations must we assume if we love God?
 1. We must live for Christ. 1 John 3:6-12
 2. We must love one another. 1 John 4:11; 20-21
 3. We must obey his commandments. 1 John 2:3-5; 5:2-3

Our Love For God (Practical Side)

1 John 2:1-6

Practical Side Of Love

- We Show Love! 1 John 3:16-18
- Sacrifice, service & spiritual growth are only beneficial when our deeds are driven by love for:
 1. God (Mt. 22:37-38; 1 John 2:3-4).
 2. Our neighbors (Mt. 22:39; Luke 10:25-37).
 3. Our brethren (Rom. 12:10; cf. Rom. 1:8).
 4. Our families (Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:4-5; Eph. 6:1-4).
 5. Our enemies (Mt. 5:44).

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have (the gift of) prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed (the poor), and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

4 Love suffereth long, (and) is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil;

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth;

7 beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Love never faileth...

Conclusion:

■ The Love Of God.

- Should obligate those outside of Christ to obey the gospel.
- Should obligate those “in Christ” to be faithful in service, worship and to one another.

- God first loved us. [1 John 4:19](#)
- Do you love HIM? [John 14:15](#)