

You Can Find Love Here



1 John

Various forms of the word love
appear 46 times in this epistle.

So let's ask 5 vital
questions about love...



And use 1 John to answer them

Question #1



- If we really want to learn the true meaning of love, where (or, to whom) should we go?
 - “Love is of God” (4:7); “God is love” (4:8, 16).
 - “Love never fails” (1 Cor. 13:8)—love learned from any other source **will** fail.

Question #2



- How has God demonstrated His love for us?
 - Let the passages speak for themselves:
3:16; 4:9–10; 3:1.
 - All this, and we didn't deserve any of it!
 - And that should tell us the difference between His love and what we sometimes call love.

Question #3



- How do we learn of God's love, and how can we be sure all this really happened?
 - From inspired testimony of the apostles (4:14).
 - Who heard Him, saw Him, touched Him—even after He had been raised from the dead (1:1–4).
 - “We have known and believed the love that God has for us” (4:16).

Question #4



- When we believe the love God has for us, what effect will it have on us?
 - Love God in return (4:19; 5:1).
 - Hate anything opposed to God (2:15–17; 4:1–6).
 - Keep the commandments of God (2:5; 5:2–3).
 - Show this same love to others, and especially to our brethren (3:16–18; 4:7, 11, 21; 5:1).
 - And this is how we can “have boldness in the day of judgment” (4:17).

Question #5



- What about the poor soul who never learns the true meaning of love?
 - If he still claims to love God, he is a liar (4:20).
 - He is in darkness (2:11).
 - He shows himself to be a child of the devil, and not a child of God (3:10–12).

“Looking for love in
all the wrong places”



That's exactly what so many are doing today.

But we know better, don't we?