

A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Love Made Known, part 8

1 John 4:7 - 5:5, *ESV*

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THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

1 JOHN 4:7 - 5:5

“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. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. 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. 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. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

GOD IS LOVE.

Supernatural love exists eternally in God.

Supernatural love flows completely from God.

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN . . . HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD.

His Spirit has opened our hearts to a love we could never deserve.

We have come to know the supernaturally loving God as our Father.

JOHN 17:26

“I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”



THE TRUE CHRISTIAN . . . NOW ABIDES IN GOD.

His Spirit now dwells in our bodies in a way we can hardly fathom.
We now walk with supernaturally loving God as our Friend.
Let's trust in His supernatural love for us.

GOD SENT HIS SON TO DIE FOR US . . . SO WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.

JESUS IS NOW OUR LIFE.

So live by faith . . . with nothing to fear.

Let's obey out of supernatural love for Him.

We have power to obey God's commands.
We find pleasure in obeying God's commands.

Let's display His supernatural love for others.
Let's lay down our lives in self-denying love for the church.
Let's pour out our lives in risk-taking love for the world.

