

The First Epistle of John

A beam of light from a window illuminates a dark space, creating a soft glow. The window is visible in the upper right, with light streaming through its panes. The light beam is directed towards the left, illuminating the text 'Light...'.

Light...

in the midst of
Darkness

1 John 4:7-12



**Bringing
God's Love
into the
world**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.



This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



God is the only source of Love

*love comes from God...God
is love... v7-8*

*Without God there would be
no love.*

Love is always combined with grace

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He sent his one and only Son into the world
that we might live through him. This is love:
not that we loved God, but that he loved us*

v9-10

Love is given to the undeserving
expecting nothing in return.



**Love eases burdens, gives
to needs and overcomes
barriers.**



*but that he
loved us and
sent his Son as
an atoning
sacrifice for our
sins.v10b*

Love grows when shared

*Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.v11*

When we love others we experience
God's love and it changes us.

Love reveals God

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. v12

When we bring God's love into the world they see God, not us.

When they see God they see Love.

Operation Share the Love

1. You can add to it.
2. You can combine it.
3. You can't keep it.
4. You must share expecting nothing in return.
5. Share so we can celebrate what God did.