

***“How’s Your Love Life?”***

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**1 John - Part 8**

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## **Today’s Central Truth: God is LOVE.**

“And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.”

1 John 3:23 (NIV)

### **1. Love is important because of who God is.**

“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.”

1 John 4:7-8 (NIV)

### **2. Love is important because of what God has done.**

“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.” 1 John 4:9-10 (NIV)

### **3. Love is important because of who we are.**

“No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:12 (NIV)

“This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: 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.” 1 John 4:13-14 (NIV)

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.”

1 John 4:16 (NIV)

## **4. Perfected love brings confidence.**

“This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.”

1 John 4:17 (NIV)

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (NIV)

## **5. Perfected love empowers obedience.**

“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.”

1 John 4:20 (NIV)

“And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.” 1 John 4:21 (NIV)