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1 John 4:7-21

God is Love

God is love (v. 8). Is love God?

God's love:

1. Initiates
2. Is intentional & active
3. Sets us free

Luke 6:27-28 ESV

27 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

Matthew 5:46 NLT

46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.

Matthew 7:21 ESV

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Proverbs 14:23 ESV

23 In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT

11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

John 8:36 ESV

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Do you love as God loved you?

Do you love the unlovely?

Do you love actively, not just with words?

Do you love freely, without fear of personal consequences?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.