

1 John

How do Believers live?

1 John 4.7-21

Why do we love?

We Love Because Of God

Defining characteristic of a Believer

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God;
and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Definitive reason why Believers love

9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent
His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through
Him.

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and
sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one
another.

Love should describe a Believer because love describes God.

We Love Because Of Jesus

John has the Authority to demand love

14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to
be the Savior of the world.

John has the Authenticity to demand love

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

Love shows the authenticity and authority of Jesus in a Believer's life.

We Love Because Of People

A Believer loves, or he/she is not a Believer

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

What does love look like?

Why would anyone who isn't a Believer ever want to be a Believer if Believers won't love them?