

1 John 4: 7-16

Why Real Christians Love

Love Proclaimed

7 Beloved, let's love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

The nature of our Father

A clear statement about the love of God, "Love is of God, and God is Love."

The nature of our Family

...everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 7b

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

Love Proved

The Son

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

The Satisfaction

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

The Savior

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

Love Practiced

A commandment

Three times in these verses, we are told “to love one another.”

A communion

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.