

True Love Study Guide

Verses on love: Matthew 5:43-48; John 3:16, 13:34-35, 15:12-13, 17:22-23; Romans 5:8, 8:28-39, 12:9-18, 13:8-10, 14:12-17; 1Corinthians 13:1-8; Eph. 5:25-30; Philippians 2:1-5; James 2:1-9; 2 Peter 1:2-8; 1 John 2:4-6, 3:11, 16, 4:7-21; 2 John 4:6

God is love

1 John 4:8 and 16 tell us that God is love. He is the source and pattern (John 13:13-15) for the love we are to have toward one another. The love God demonstrated to us at Calvary (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:6-8) and the love He continues to have for us (Romans 8:28-39) is selfless. It is giving love. It is love that had a cost (1 Corinthians 7:23).

Are we ever deserving of God's love (Romans 3:10-12; 5:8)?

How did God's infinite love meet our ultimate need for forgiveness, in spite of the sin which kept us from Him (Ephesians 2:4-9)?

If God is so loving, how can He condemn anyone to Hell (John 3:36; Romans 1:18-32, 3:10-12, 9:14-18; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15)?

Do you love God? How will that be demonstrated? (1 John 4:20-21; 2 John 4:6)

Let us love one another

Why is it so important that we love one another (Matthew 5:43-48; John 13:34-35, 15:12)?

It's relatively easy to tell your spouse, a parent, or one of your children that you love them. But what do you really mean? Too often, the love we show is selfish and rooted in our own needs and wants. Read 1Corinthians 13:1-8, and Ephesians 5:25-30. How could living out these passages change your relationships with those you're closest to?

What do John 15:13; Romans 12:9-18, 13:8-10; Galatians 6:2; and James 2:1-9, 14-15; say about how we are to love one another in the body?

According to 2 Peter 1:2-8, why would a believer never have an excuse to say that they could not show God's love?

Can we ever take credit for our ability to love (1 John 4:10, 19)?

What is the impact we will have on the fallen world around us as we live together in loving unity (John 13:35, 17:22-23)?