

# LIVING FOR CHRIST

In A Non-Christian World

# God's Love Guaranteed To Others

Our testimony as sons & daughters of God, living life in Christ's Love, must reflect (show) to others these heart qualities of God.

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2. We will **accept** them totally, without reservation.
3. We will guarantee people no matter how miserable they fail or how blatantly they sin, **forgiveness** is theirs when asking.  
Anyone around us, should know how much they will be loved by us, as the life of Christ works through each of us to them.

# God's Love

I John 4:7-11

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. V8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. V9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten (of God) Son into the world, that we might live through Him. V10 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. v11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another”.**

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# Living Our Life In His Love

## I John 4:7-9

- v7 ..everyone that loves **is born of God & knows God.**
  - **Born of God** - II Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, **all things have become new**”.
  - **Knows God** – Romans 5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God has been poured out in our hearts** by the **Holy Spirit who was given to us**”.
- v8 “He that **does not love, does not know** God, for God is love”.
  - Knowing God by the love we **know & show** others.
- v9 ..the love of God manifested (shown) to us...**God has sent His only son into the world...that we might live through Him.**
  - **Living life** is having **Christ’s life** working through us.

# Walking As His Sons & Daughters

## I John 4:10-11

- v10 In this is love, **not that we loved Him, but He loved us.**
  - **This is love** - Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”.
- v11 ..if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
  - **The Outworking of Love** – I John 3:16 “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren”.

# Evidence We Are God's Children

I John 3:14

v14 **“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death”.**

**- The Evidence we are new creation – It is our love for others.**

We God's children need to make a bold commitment to love people & then dedicate ourselves to fulfilling that commitment.

v18 **“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. v19 And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him”.**

# Christ's Love In & Through Us

Luke 10:9-10

- v9 **“I am the door.** If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. v10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly”**.
  - **Living for Christ** - I Colossians 1:27 “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”.
  - **Letting His love live through us is living the abundant life.**

# The “Agape” Love of God

John 3:16

- V16 “For God **so loved** (agape) the world that **He gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but **have everlasting life**. V17 For God **did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world**, but that the world through Him might be saved”.
- “Agape” is a voluntary action of commitment of love (have affection) to another that motivates us to act on their behalf.
- “Agape” involves giving without expecting anything in return. It is the kind of giving with out compensation(no compensation).
- “Agape” operates independently of what we feel or do not feel.
- It is a deep love given by the Holy Spirit to us for one another.



# Living In God's Kingdom Principle

- God's ways or His kingdom operates opposite of the world's kingdom.
- Love (agape) is a commitment to love a person as God has **loved us and dedicate ourselves to fulfilling** that commitment toward others.
- The difference from us and the world's actions of love, is the Holy Spirit has been given to move us to walk in love and gives us the power to continually demonstrate God's love for others.
- The world fueled on their own power and strength will go empty!

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