

Six Reasons Why We Are to Love Others (1 John 4:7-21)

We are to love others for at least six reasons...

#1: Because love _____ from God (7a)

**#2: Because love demonstrates life & _____
(7b, 12,17,18,20)**

#3: Because love _____ what God is like (8,16b)

#4: Because love _____ God's greatest action (9-10)

#5: Because God's love for us _____ us (11; 3:16)

#6: Because God _____ us to love others (21)

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

⁸ He who does not **love** does not **know** God, for God is **love**.

⁹ In this the **love** of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, 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.

¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we **love** one another, God abides in us, and His **love** has been perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

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

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the **love** that God has for us.

God is **love**, and he who abides in **love** abides in God, and God in him.

¹⁷ **Love** has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in **love**; but perfect **love** casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in **love**.

¹⁹ We **love** Him¹ because He first **loved** us.

²⁰ If someone says, "I **love** God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not **love** his brother whom he has seen, how can¹ he **love** God whom he has not seen?

²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who **loves** God *must love* his brother also.