

BIG IDEA: The love that God has shown us in Christ should motivate our love for one another.

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF LOVE (1 John 4:7)

Love comes from God's nature.

God's love does not negate His holiness and justice.

GOD'S TRUE CHILDREN DISPLAY HIS NATURE (1 John 4:8)

Our love for others is evidence of knowing God.

If our identity is found in God, then our lives should reflect His love.

GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE BY SENDING HIS SON (1 John 4:9-10)

The ultimate example of love is Christ offering Himself as a sacrifice for us.

God is the initiator of love.

GOD EXHORTS US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 4:11-12)

God puts His love into our lives that it might flow out.

The true measure of maturity is the abiding presence of God's love in our lives.