

OTHER LETTERS

FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

God is love

4 ⁷My dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Those who do not love have not known God, for God is love. ⁹How did the love of God appear among us? God sent his only Son into this world that we might have life through him.

¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God but that he first loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹⁹So let us love one another, since he loved us first.

²⁰If you say, 'I love God,' while you hate your brother or sister, you are a liar. How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your brother whom you see? ²¹We received from him this commandment: let those who love God also love their brothers.

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