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**Love: Fruit of the Spirit**

**1 Peter 4:8; 1 Corinthians 13:1–7**



**1<sup>ST</sup> PETER**

**LIVING IN LIGHT  
OF ETERNITY**

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**ἐκτενής; *ektenēs, ektenes (ekteinō)*, properly, *stretched out*; figuratively, *resolute, tenacious, unflinching, unwavering, earnest, passionate* (an intense enthusiasm for something, not passionate in the sense of an outburst of emotion), with integrity cf., 1 Pet. 1:22**

**1 Pet. 1:22, “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart”  
(with integrity of soul),**

**John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

**John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

**John 15:12, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”**

**John 15:17, “These things I command you, that you love one another.”**

# What the Bible Teaches About Christian Love



# The Integrity of God

**Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”**

# The Integrity of God

## 1. God is Love

**1 John 4:8, “The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”**

**1 John 4:16, “And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”**

# The Integrity of God

## 2. God is light; Light = Holy, Righteousness and Justice

1 John 1:5, “And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”

## The Integrity of God

### 2. God is light; Light = Holy, Righteousness and Justice

Lev. 11:44, “For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

1 Pet. 1:16, “because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’ ”

# ESSENCE OF GOD

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# **The Integrity of God**

**3. Love + Righteousness + Justice + Truth  
= Integrity**

**The harmonious relationship of these three indicates that Love cannot be genuine love apart from the righteousness of God. Righteousness cannot be understood apart from the Love of God.**

**Psa. 11:7, “For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.”**

**Psa. 33:5, “He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.”**

**Psa. 97:2, “Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.”**

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**1 John 4:16, “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.”**

**Psa. 146:8, “The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.”**

## **4. Old Testament examples of Divine Love in the Mosaic Law**

**22× the word love, *ahav*, is used in  
Deuteronomy.**

***Ahav* is frequently associated with obedience.**

**Deut. 11:1, “You shall therefore love the LORD your God, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.”**

**Deut. 11:13, “It shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul,”**

**Deut. 11:22, “For if you are careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him,”**

## **Another perspective on love**

**Deut. 21:18, “If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them,**

**Deut. 21:19, “then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his hometown.**

**Deut. 21:20, “They shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ ”**

**Deut. 21:21, “Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel will hear of it and fear.”**

**Heb. 12:5, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;**

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**Love ≠ letting children do what they want.**

**Therefore, love sets boundaries.**

**Heb. 12:7, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”**

**Heb. 12:8, “But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”**

# **Characteristics of Love**

## **1 Cor. 13:1–7**

**1 Cor. 13:1, “Though<sup>3rd</sup> I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.”**