

I. God's love creates community

I Cor 9:7; II Cor 6:7;  
Eph 6:10-11; II Tim 2:3-4;  
John 3:16; Rom 5:8;  
Rev 19:14; 21:2-4; Eph 1:4;  
I Thess 4:17

A. This kind of love comes from God

I John 2:15; John 15:19;  
Matt 5:46; I John 1:3, 7;  
II Sam 13:1, 14-15;  
John 13:34-35

B. Those who don't love like this don't know God

John 1:12-13; II Tim 2:19;  
Dan 11:32; I John 2:3-5

II. God's love takes action

A. His love sent His Son into the world

I Pet 1:1-2;  
II Cor 13:14

B. Now, His love sends us

John 17:18

III. God's love transforms

A. God's love in us is how people see the invisible God

John 1:18; 8:12; 12:35a;  
Matt 5:14

B. God's love in us transforms each other

II Cor 3:17-18;  
I John 3:1-2

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.