

LOVE DOES NOT DEFINE GOD BUT GOD DEFINES LOVE GOD IS LOVE LIKE HEAT DEFINES FIRE FIRE IS HEAT AND HEAT IS FIRE

V7-8 THOSE WHO ARE BORN OF GOD AND KNOW GOD THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN OF HIS SPIRIT JOHN 3:1-8 THE EFFECTS OF OUR SALVATION WILL BE SEEN IN THE WAY WE LOVE JOHN 13:35 BY THIS ALL MEN WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

V9 THE BOTTOM LINE IS OUR LOVE FOR GOD IS MANIFESTED IN THE WAY WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER GOD HAS MANIFESTED HIS LOVE TO US OR REVEALED HIMSELF TO US BY SENDING HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD JOHN 3:16

JOHN HAS DESCRIBED GOD'S NATURE AS LOVE 1JOHN 4:7 IN 1JOHN 1:5 HE DESCRIBES GOD'S NATURE AS LIGHT AND IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN HE SAYS GOD IS SPIRIT WHICH IS GOD'S ESSENCE

WHAT JOHN IS SAYING IS THAT GOD'S LOVE IS HOLY SPIRITUAL LOVE AND THIS LOVE HAS BEEN POURED OUT INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT HE HAS GIVEN US ROM 5:5

LOVE IS THEREFORE THE TEST OF TRUE CHRISTIAN FAITH IT IS THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US WE BEAR THE FRUIT OF HIS SPIRIT HOLY SPIRITUAL LOVE

V10 NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD THE ORIGIN OF OUR LOVE DOES NOT LIE IN OUR RESPONSE TO GOD THAT IS NOT WHERE LOVE STARTED IT STARTED WITH GOD AND ARE CONNECTED TO HIM BY NEW BIRTH WE RECEIVED HIS DIVINE NATURE

GOD SENT JESUS TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS JESUS DIED IN OUR PLACE FOR OUR SINS 2COR 5:21

WE HAVE SEEN TWO THINGS ABOUT GOD'S LOVE GOD'S NATURE IS LOVE AND WE SHARE THAT NATURE AND HE MANIFEST THAT LOVE BY SENDING HIS SON THAT WE MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH HIM

V11 THE LOGICAL DEDUCTION IS IF GOD LOVED US IF HIS NATURE IS HOLY SPIRITUAL LOVE THAT WAS MANIFEST IN HIS SENDING JESUS TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US WE OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER THE WAY HE LOVED US

THE WAY FISH SWIM BECAUSE IT IS THEIR NATURE AND BIRDS FLY BECAUSE IT IS THEIR NATURE TRUE CHRISTIANS LOVE BECAUSE IT IS THEIR NATURE

1JOHN 3:14 WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN IT IS OUR NATURE TO LOVE IN DEED AND IN TRUTH 1JOHN 3:18

WE MANIFEST THE ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR PHILIP 2:1-8 UNITED IN SPIRIT INTENT ON ONE PURPOSE SERVING GOD BY LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES FOR OTHERS

WE ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT WALKING IN HUMILITY HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS

OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER REVEALS HIS LOVE IN US WE ARE VESSELS OF HIS MERCY NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST JESUS

GAL 2:20 THE LIFE WE NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH WE LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD WHO LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US 1JOHN 3:16

WE HAVE LOOKED AT WHAT GOD IS AND WHAT GOD DID HE IS HOLY SPIRITUAL LOVE AND HE SENT HIS SON TO REVEAL HIS LOVE FOR US

WE ARE HIS BODY ON EARTH THE BODY OF CHRIST AND WE ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH A HOLY SPIRITUAL LOVE IT IS OUR NEW NATURE LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES FOR ONE ANOTHER

OUR LOVE FOR GOD WILL BE SEEN IN THE WAY WE LOVE EACH OTHER