

## God is the Creator of all things, and by His very nature, He is love.

### **Deuteronomy 6:5-6**

Love the Lord your God completely and the words of the law will be in you

### **John 14:19-21**

Jesus tells us that we live because He lives; He is in the Father, and in us. He who has His commandments and keeps them is He who loves Jesus, and will be loved by the Father, and Jesus will manifest Himself to you.

If we do not love one another, we do not love the Father. One is the evidence of the other and gives testimony to each other.

Works should not be a driving force to earn love and acceptance, but accepting the love God already gives will inspire you to work, to work for the cause of love and to obey Him!.....with passion in your heart!

### **1 Corinthians 13**

I can perform all other things but if I don't have love, I am nothing.  
All things will pass away but love will remain forever.

Read the following verses, what do they tell us about the origin of love?

### **1 John 4:7-11**

### **Romans 5:8**

### **John 3:16**

#### **God is Love: How *Should* we Define Love?**

1. When the Scriptures say, "God is love," they aren't telling us that God is just some comfy, warm fuzzy feeling of love.
2. The word doesn't say that in our limited form of human love we will find God. Not at all -- in fact, when we read that God is love in the Bible, this means that God *defines* love.
3. And when we say that God defines love, we don't mean that He defines it like the Webster dictionary might define something -- we mean that God is the very definition of love itself.
4. There is no such thing as love without God. As hard as we might try, we cannot correctly define true love outside of knowing God. This essentially means that our human definition of love is fundamentally flawed.
5. God says love is unconditional and sacrificial, and it's not founded on feelings; therefore, love is not merely an "intense affection... based on family or personal ties". Instead, the relationships with have with people are supposed to be influenced by the **Father's love pouring out of our lives.**
6. To understand what true love is and to be able to truly love others, **we must know God**, and we can do this through a close personal relationship with Him.
7. We can have that close relationship with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ, who was God's sacrifice of love for us.