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So, if love is defined by the way you feel, love is always unstable. Maybe we need to rethink the way we view love. Indeed, love does affect our feelings and it engages our decisions, but the source of love is more powerful than decisions or feelings.

Contributors control their own work and posted freely to our site. If you need to flag this entry as abusive, send us an email. Most of us grew up believing that another person should be our dependable source of love - that this is what a relationship is all about. Yet this is the very thing that destroys many relationships. When we are small children, our parents are supposed to be our dependable source of love. They are supposed to access the love that is Spirit and bring it to us. That is part of their job as loving parents. Did you have parents who were dependable sources of love for you, as well as who role-modeled accessing Spirit as a dependable source of love for themselves? The chances are the answer is no. Even if you had parents who were loving to you, it is unlikely that they were deeply connected with a personal source of spiritual love and were able to fill themselves with this love and joy on a consistent basis. Even if your parents believed in God, they may not have had a personal connection with a dependable source of love. What most of our parents role-modeled was using others as their source of love. Your mother might have pulled on your father to fill her with his love, attention, affection and approval. Your father may have pulled on your mother to fill and validate him through sex, attention, affection and approval. Both of them might have been angry, withdrawn and blaming when the other person did not give them what they wanted and believed they needed from the other. In addition, each of them may have pulled on you to fill them as well. Perhaps you had to do well in school or sports, or you had to look good for them to feel that they were okay. You might have felt that you needed to earn love. We might leave a relationship because we decide we have chosen the wrong person, hoping to find someone else who will fill the empty place within and define our worth through his or her love. The truth is that, as adults, no one else can become our dependable source of love. Regardless of whether or not you received the love you needed as a child, you need to become the vehicle through which flows the true and dependable love from our Source. Love is God and God is love and any love that comes to us through another person is coming from God through that person. You will continue to try to make another person your Source of love when you believe that someone else can bring the love-that-is-God to you better than you can, or that it means more when someone else does it than when you do it. These false beliefs may keep you from the love and joy that is your birthright. You will feel the fullness of the love, peace and joy that you seek only when you decide to accept the responsibility of opening your heart and bringing the love that is always all around you to your self - your inner child. Not doing so would be like being surrounded by delicious food that is available to you and that you are physically capable of accessing, but waiting for someone else to feed you. You not only might end up starving, but your inner child will feel abandoned by you. Even if someone else does feed you, it will not heal the pain your child feels when you do not care enough about yourself to feed yourself. Just as you are capable of feeding yourself unless you are physically disabled, you are capable of accessing the love that is always available. It all depends upon your intent. As long as your intent is to make someone else your dependable source of love, you will be in the intent to control - constantly trying to get love from others. The moment you shift your intent to loving yourself, you will open the door to your wonderful, beautiful, ever-present and totally dependable Source of love! Start learning to love yourself with our free Inner Bonding eCourse at <http://www.innerbonding.com>: Learn to connect with your spiritual guidance and manifest your dreams! Margaret Paul for her Day at-home Course: Inner Bonding, and Facebook: Suggest a correction MORE:

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God is the source of love. Like the electricity running through electrical wires, love comes from God to us, then flows through us to others in the community. When John exhorts his readers, let us love one another, he is encouraging them to allow God's love to flow through them.

What is agape love? The essence of agape love is goodwill, benevolence, and willful delight in the object of love. Unlike our English word love, agape is not used in the New Testament to refer to romantic or sexual love. Nor does it refer to close friendship or brotherly love, for which the Greek word *philia* is used. Agape love involves faithfulness, commitment, and an act of the will. It is distinguished from the other types of love by its lofty moral nature and strong character. Agape love is beautifully described in 1 Corinthians Outside of the New Testament, the word agape is used in a variety of contexts, but in the New Testament it takes on a distinct meaning. Agape is used to describe the love that is of and from God, whose very nature is love itself: God does not merely love; He is love itself. Everything God does flows from His love. Agape is also used to describe our love for God Luke The type of love that characterizes God is not a sappy, sentimental feeling such as we often hear portrayed. God loves because that is His nature and the expression of His being. He loves the unlovable and the unlovely, not because we deserve to be loved or because of any excellence we possess, but because it is His nature to love and He must be true to His nature. Agape love is always shown by what it does. The Bible says we are the undeserving recipients of His lavish agape love 1 John 3: We are to love others with agape love, whether they are fellow believers John Jesus gave the parable of the Good Samaritan as an example of sacrifice for the sake of others, even for those who may care nothing at all for us. Agape love as modeled by Christ is not based on a feeling; rather, it is a determined act of the will, a joyful resolve to put the welfare of others above our own. Agape love does not come naturally to us. Because of our fallen nature, we are incapable of producing such a love. If we are to love as God loves, that love—that agape—can only come from its Source. Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

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Should I save sex for marriage? Answer How can I deal with temptations? Answer How far is too far? What are the guidelines for dating relationships? Answer What are the consequences of sexual immorality? Answer If a Christian commits suicide, will they go to Heaven? Answer What should a Christian do if overwhelmed with depression? Answer What kind of world would you create? Find answers in our popular TeenQs section. Get answers to your questions about life, dating and much more. Learn about the worldview of your audience, ways to share the gospel, read stories submitted by site users, and more. I must confess that I enjoy watching foreign language films with English subtitles. I think it is because I still like to watch silent movies. I welcome any opportunity to learn about other cultures and histories. The story centers on a family that live in Hong Kong. The son is a new believer. His father ridicules him not only for his belief, but also because he stutters. This wall makes it difficult for the son to communicate with his dad on any level. The father also faces the dilemma of being laid off, caring for a father in a nursing home and the temptation of turning to alcohol for comfort. Their daughter was pursuing her education in America. She struggles with bad relational choices and overcoming a drug habit. She returns home to sort life out and begins a difficult battle with depression. The daughter must also come to terms with an unexpected pregnancy, out of wedlock. The story is realistic and fascinating. A strong subplot includes a brilliant demonstration of how forgiveness and eternity are found in ancient Chinese writing. The strong symbolism gives each believer that witnesses a natural framework for sharing his or her faith. I found the information extremely compelling, and it reminds us that we need to find natural bridges in our culture to share the Good News. As the son in the family begins learning how the writing characters point to a redeemer for the entire world, the family learns the true source of love. This motion picture was shot on location in Hong Kong. Stephen Shin did a tremendous job of producing and directing this feature film with Chinese actors. The film does have some moderate violence, strong references to suicide and gang related encounters. It is not a movie for young children. It is, however, a great film for thinking Christians who are searching for substance in the midst of a very realistic world. I strongly recommend this film and challenge believers to take the time to view a brilliant portrayal of peace and forgiveness. The film is also being widely used for evangelism. See our Christian Film News article about this movie. For more information on this film or to purchase a copy, see www.

5: What does it mean that God is love?

About Being the Source of Love "Being the Source of Love" is a compilation of book chapters and courses developed by Sheva Carr on her journey through discovering what it would really mean to live from the heart and see life in all its ups and downs, trials and tribulations, from love.

God Is Love One of our greatest needs as human beings is to be loved. We all need love. We need to know that we are important to somebody, that somebody truly cares about us, wants us, and accepts us unconditionally. When we doubt that we are loved, we may develop unacceptable behavior patterns to compensate for it. For example, we may act irresponsibly in a desperate attempt to get attention. Attention is a poor substitute for love but it seems better than nothing at all. We may develop physical symptoms that bring us sympathy and concern. The symptoms cause us genuine pain, but the pain of sickness is more bearable than the pain of admitting that nobody cares. We may angrily lash out at those whom we think should care or we may try to run away from them and hide, but in either case, we are trying to protect ourselves from the hurt they are causing us by their lack of concern. We all need to know that somebody loves us. To know Him is to find release from the crippling effects of feeling unloved. Twice the Apostle John categorically stated that God is love 1 John 4: Love is one of the warmest words in the English language, and that God is love is one of the most sublime, uplifting, and reassuring truths known to mankind. Love is His nature. It is not merely a friendly attitude He projects. It is the essence of His being. He is always going to act toward us in love because He cannot do otherwise. Love is the way He is. No one attribute of God is any more important than any other, and all His attributes are expressed in conjunction with each other. It deeply affects everything else God is and all that He does. It is expressed in the giving of oneself for the good of another, so it always demands an object. Whenever we talk about love we are suggesting that there is more than one person involved. There must be at least two—the one who loves and the one who is loved. If God has always been love and love demands an object, we may wonder how God demonstrated His love before He created angels or men. Jesus answered that question. We have seen that God is complete and sufficient in and of Himself. He has no needs which must be met by others outside Himself. He did not need to create other beings in order to express His love. It was perfectly expressed between the persons of the Trinity from all eternity. Yet He did create. He wanted so much to manifest His love that He first created the angelic hosts and later the human race so that he might communicate Himself to them, give of Himself for them, and bestow His very best on them for their benefit and blessing. Our love is often selfish and demanding. Because He is love, He loves to give. Jesus said He gives good things to those who ask Him Matthew 7: James went so far as to say that every good gift finds its source in Him James 1: Since God is love, we can expect Him to give of Himself. Knowing the God of love can help to make us more loving and giving persons. Not only will getting to know Him more intimately cause us to become more like Him, but resting secure in the assurance that He loves us will keep us from making demands of others and free us to reach out unselfishly and minister to them for their benefit alone. It is vitally important that we understand how much God loves us. That too is different from our love. We hesitate to do anything for others that will cost us too much or inconvenience us too greatly. That is the message of the greatest love text in the Bible: It meant allowing Him to die in our place and pay the awful debt of our sins. God proved His love conclusively and irrefutably by sending His Son to the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins Romans 5: That is sacrificial love. It was no less of a sacrifice for God the Son than it was for God the Father. His willingness to offer Himself was the summit of sacrificial love. Jesus Christ made the supreme sacrifice for us when He died in our place. He was falsely accused, beaten, spit on, crowned with thorns, nailed to a cross, and left to die the most excruciating death known to man. He possessed the power to walk away from it unscathed, yet He voluntarily stayed there and bore that suffering for us. There simply is no greater love John Whenever we are tempted to think that nobody loves us, we need to think of the cross. Jesus bore that shame and suffering because He loves us. He values us so highly that He was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to secure for us eternal joy. That is the epitome of love. Knowing Him intimately will motivate us to make some sacrifices for the good of others—for our spouses, our children, and other members

of the body of Christ. It will help us give up what we want in order to minister to their needs. In other words, His love is unconditional. That certainly is different from our love. We have a tendency to show more love to the people who obviously love us and less love to the ones who do not. We express our love to our spouses and our children when they perform to our expectations and we withhold it from them when they displease us. We shower affection on the lovable children and avoid the belligerent little rascals who look as if they might want to kick us in the shins. I find it easy to express my love to my wife when she tells me what a wonderful husband I am, but not quite so easy when she scolds me for not taking out the trash. I find it easier to be loving toward my children when they are obeying me willingly, but not quite so easy when they are resisting me. God is not like that. That does not refer to the materials out of which our planet is constructed, but to the world of people. It does not mean the whole mass of humanity generally; it refers to each individual sinful person. God even loves His enemies—“all of them. He does not love us because we are so lovable or because we can somehow make ourselves worthy of His love. We are totally unworthy, yet He prizes us highly and showers His very best on us. It is His love for us that gives us our worth. God finds great delight and receives great glory when we respond to His love, enter His fellowship, and do His will. In fact, He made us for that purpose. But whether or not we ever return His love, He keeps on extending it to us. There is nothing we can do to make Him love us any more, and nothing we ever do will cause Him to love us any less. He loves us perfectly and completely regardless of how we perform. His love is unconditional. So many of us are performance oriented. Consequently, we treat others the same way. If they please us, we treat them kindly and considerately. If they displease us, we feel justified in treating them unkindly and unlovingly. Knowing God intimately will help us express love to others when they do not perform to our expectations. Can we see what He is implying? There is no human reason for His love for Israel. They were a rebellious, stiff-necked people. But He loved them simply because He loved them. That is how it is with you and me. He loves us just because He loves us. Nothing we ever did made Him love us, so nothing we ever do will make Him stop loving us. He loves us when our wives or husbands or parents or children are not treating us as though they love us. He never stops loving us. That everlasting love reaches into eternity past. He knew us and loved us before He made us, when we were but a thought in His mind. And He will love us for eternity to come, for, as Paul assured us, nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God Romans 8: The love of an eternal God must be an eternal love. If anybody ever deserved to forfeit the love of Christ it was His earthly disciples. They were men of inestimable spiritual privileges, yet they displayed an amazingly small degree of spiritual insight. Witness their behavior on the evening of the last Passover. But Luke informs us that they were more interested in arguing about which one of them was the greatest Luke

6: Being the Source of Love

Good News Productions International (GNPI) of Joplin, Missouri has released a new drama titled, "The Source of Love." It centers around a traditional Chinese family that finds itself in crisis and in desperate need of peace and forgiveness.

God Is Love God is Love: How do we Define Love? The American Heritage Dictionary defines love as "an intense affection for another person based on familial or personal ties". Often this "intense affection" stems from a sexual attraction for that other person. We love other people, or we say we love other people, when we are attracted to them and when they make us feel good. Notice that a key phrase in the dictionary definition of love is the phrase "based on. How many times have you heard or said, "I love you because you are cute;" or "I love you because you take good care of me;" or "I love you because you are fun to be with"? Our love is not only conditional, it is also mercurial. We love based on feelings and emotions that can change from one moment to the next. They may go through a rough patch in their marriage, and they no longer "feel" love for their spouse, so they call it quits. Evidently, their marriage vow of "till death do us part" means they can part at the death of their love for their spouse rather than at their physical death. Can anyone really comprehend "unconditional" love? How does God Define Love? The Bible tells us that "God is Love" 1 John 4: But how can we even begin to understand that truth? The most well known verse is John 3: However, what God gave or should we say, "who" God gave was not a mere gift-wrapped present; God sacrificed His only Son so that we, who put our faith in His Son, will not spend eternity separated from Him. God wants us to know that His love is unconditional, so He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us while we were still unlovable sinners. His love for us has always existed, and because of that, He did all the giving and sacrificing long before we were even aware that we needed His love. He created us to have a loving relationship with Him, and He sacrificed His own Son who also willingly died for us to restore that relationship. God , the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus , the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried , and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Savior , declaring, " Jesus is Lord ," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven. What is your response?

7: What is agape love?

Expository sermon series on the epistle of 1 John: Because God is the source of love, two things must happen so that I can love: First, I must be born of God; second, I must look to God for my understanding of what love is.

He sees that Cleopatra dotes on Antony and worries that Antony will not continue seeing Cleopatra. Ventidius, a Roman general, comes to aide Antony in Alexandria. Act Two[edit] Cleopatra mourns about her situation without Antony. Cleopatra thus sends Alexas to try to win back Antony using gifts jewels including a bracelet. However, Cleopatra wins this argument by demonstrating a letter showing that she refused Egypt and Syria from Octavius. Act Three[edit] Antony is returning from battle and is overwhelmed with love for Cleopatra. Ventidius comes to speak with Antony, who attempts to flee unsuccessfully. He believes Dolabella can help him and Ventidius brings Dolabella out. Dolabella was banished for his love for Cleopatra, but he returns to a warm welcome from Antony. Dolabella offers a gift that will bring peace between Antony and Caesar. Octavia tells Antony the war will stop when he returns to his rightful place, by her side. Cleopatra appears informed of her defeat. Alexas tells her to avoid Octavia but Cleopatra chooses to face her as a rival. Cleopatra and Octavia have an argument, it seems clear that Octavia is whom Antony rightfully belongs to, even if it is not she whom he loves most. Act Four[edit] Antony has been convinced by Octavia that his rightful place is by her side, in Rome, with his children. Antony plans to leave but does not have the strength to tell Cleopatra himself. Antony asks Dolabella to tell Cleopatra he is leaving so that Antony will not be persuaded to stay. Ventidius overhears that Dolabella will be going to Cleopatra to bid her farewell. He also sees her devising a plan with Alexas to inspire jealousy in Antony by way of Dolabella. Ventidius tells Antony that Cleopatra and Dollabella have become lovers and Octavia also bears witness. Ventidius then asks Alexas to testify to the same story, which Alexas believes to be. When Dolabella and Cleopatra try to explain themselves Antony refuses to believe them. The fleet he leads betrays him as his soldiers greet their opponents like old friends. Together, they turn to attack Alexandria. When Cleopatra hears of this Alexas tells her to flee and that he will attempt to make amends with Caesar. Cleopatra tells him this would make him a traitor and that he cannot go to Caesar. Cleopatra flees and Alexas is left behind. Antony and Ventidius meet up and prepare to fight. Alexas, in order to save his own life, concocts a lie, telling Antony that Cleopatra is dead. Antony then tells Ventidius to end his life, but Ventidius refuses and kills himself. With Ventidius dead, Antony then tried and failed to commit suicide. Cleopatra then comes in and sees Antony, still living, but on the verge of death. Cleopatra then kills herself. Serapion delivers their eulogy and his death by a biting of snake. Nick Hern Books Limited,

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Ascending from molecules to families to entire societies, Zak's findings reveal how oxytocin can produce a virtuous cycle of love and prosperity. The Moral Molecule is a journey well beyond common theories about why we make the decisions we do.

Humans are dependent on parental help for a large portion of their lifespans compared to other mammals. Love has therefore been seen as a mechanism to promote parental support of children for this extended time period. Furthermore, researchers as early as Charles Darwin himself identified unique features of human love compared to other mammals and credit love as a major factor for creating social support systems that enabled the development and expansion of the human species. This would favor monogamous relationships over polygamy. Certainly love is influenced by hormones such as oxytocin, neurotrophins such as NGF, and pheromones, and how people think and behave in love is influenced by their conceptions of love. The conventional view in biology is that there are two major drives in love: Attachment between adults is presumed to work on the same principles that lead an infant to become attached to its mother. The traditional psychological view sees love as being a combination of companionate love and passionate love. Passionate love is intense longing, and is often accompanied by physiological arousal shortness of breath, rapid heart rate; companionate love is affection and a feeling of intimacy not accompanied by physiological arousal. Cultural views See also: Greek words for love Roman copy of a Greek sculpture by Lysippus depicting Eros, the Greek personification of romantic love Greek distinguishes several different senses in which the word "love" is used. Ancient Greeks identified four forms of love: At the same time, the Ancient Greek text of the Bible has examples of the verb *agapo* having the same meaning as *phileo*. The word *agapo* is the verb I love. It generally refers to a "pure," ideal type of love, rather than the physical attraction suggested by *eros*. However, there are some examples of *agape* used to mean the same as *eros*. It has also been translated as "love of the soul. The Greek word *erota* means in love. Plato refined his own definition. Although *eros* is initially felt for a person, with contemplation it becomes an appreciation of the beauty within that person, or even becomes appreciation of beauty itself. *Eros* helps the soul recall knowledge of beauty and contributes to an understanding of spiritual truth. Lovers and philosophers are all inspired to seek truth by *eros*. Some translations list it as "love of the body". *Philia* is motivated by practical reasons; one or both of the parties benefit from the relationship. It can also mean "love of the mind. It was an almost ritualized friendship formed between a host and his guest, who could previously have been strangers. The host fed and provided quarters for the guest, who was expected to repay only with gratitude. Ancient Roman Latin The Latin language has several different verbs corresponding to the English word "love. The Romans used it both in an affectionate sense as well as in a romantic or sexual sense. From this verb come *amans* "a lover, *amator*, "professional lover," often with the accessory notion of lechery and *amica*, "girlfriend" in the English sense, often being applied euphemistically to a prostitute. The corresponding noun is *amor* the significance of this term for the Romans is well illustrated in the fact, that the name of the City, Rome "in Latin: *Roma*" can be viewed as an anagram for *amor*, which was used as the secret name of the City in wide circles in ancient times, [36] which is also used in the plural form to indicate love affairs or sexual adventures. This same root also produces *amicus* "friend" and *amicitia*, "friendship" often based to mutual advantage, and corresponding sometimes more closely to "indebtedness" or "influence". Cicero wrote a treatise called *On Friendship de Amicitia*, which discusses the notion at some length. Ovid wrote a guide to dating called *Ars Amatoria The Art of Love*, which addresses, in depth, everything from extramarital affairs to overprotective parents. *Diligere* often has the notion "to be affectionate for," "to esteem," and rarely if ever is used for romantic love. This word would be appropriate to describe the friendship of two men. The corresponding noun *diligentia*, however, has the meaning of "diligence" or "carefulness," and has little semantic overlap with the verb. *Observare* is a synonym for *diligere*; despite the cognate with English, this verb and its corresponding noun, *observantia*, often denote "esteem" or "affection. As it arises from a conflation with a Greek word, there is no corresponding verb. Two philosophical underpinnings of love exist in the Chinese tradition, one from

Confucianism which emphasized actions and duty while the other came from Mohism which championed a universal love. In Confucianism, one displays benevolent love by performing actions such as filial piety from children, kindness from parent, loyalty to the king and so forth. In this, he argued directly against Confucians who believed that it was natural and correct for people to care about different people in different degrees. Mozi, by contrast, believed people in principle should care for all people equally. Mohism stressed that rather than adopting different attitudes towards different people, love should be unconditional and offered to everyone without regard to reciprocation, not just to friends, family and other Confucian relations. In Buddhism, Ai was seen as capable of being either selfish or selfless, the latter being a key element towards enlightenment. Instead of frequently saying "I love you" as in some Western societies, the Chinese are more likely to express feelings of affection in a more casual way. Japanese The Japanese language uses three words to convey the English equivalent of "love". Because "love" covers a wide range of emotions and behavioral phenomena, there are nuances distinguishing the three terms. Following the Meiji Restoration , the term became associated with "love" in order to translate Western literature. For example, Book 10 of Rig Veda describes the creation of the universe from nothing by the great heat. There in hymn , it states: When the calamity of time afflicts one limb The other limbs cannot remain at rest. If you have no sympathy for the troubles of others You are not worthy to be called by the name of "man".

9: Love: from God the Source

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Where can we find such explanations and teaching on love? Two times love is equated with God. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. If we have been confused by any personification of love, we are here instantly enlightened. A source of love so powerful to touch our lives is the same as God. God in His sovereign power and majesty is known as love. Everything that God has and does shines in the glory of His love. Where does love come from? We need to ask, "Where is that love going to come from? In each case, we see that the ultimate source of love is from God. We often ask, "Whether a person believes in Jesus Christ or not? John conclusively states that a person has not met God if He has not been able to love God and man. The way one loves God is to obey Him. We would hope there are other proofs to knowing God such as attending church or trying to be good, but obedience to what He has told us to do is the real test. One of the most basic commands is to love our fellow Christian i. The answer is actually quite simple though it seems most people seem to miss the connection. God in His love set the commandments so that we would have sufficient revelation to know Him and have fulfilled lives. Every command becomes a whisper of love to keep us well protected. Parents give commands and rules for the blessing of the children. Parents do not seek to hurt or hold back their children by rules. God too, reveals His truths in the form of rigid commands to keep us well protected. This is why John says in 1 John 5: We are to love the brethren. As a apple tree will bear apples, so those who know God will bear the fruits of His love. We will by nature our new nature love what God loves. We will patiently care and help others that God has patiently cared for and helped out. This love also causes us to be slow of anger and forgiving. We should at once find that bitterness will close our hearts to God and His love just like turning a faucet on our shower. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; Hebrews Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. If we think about it at all, we find that these very things God forbids us to do are the things that would hurt and damage relationships. They enable us to love one another even if we were not brought up in a loving family. They are like the lights directing the plane to land in bad weather. They are only needed when we are confused and unclear. This is how Jesus summarized the question to which is the greatest command. However, this love is impossible until their lives are first changed. Summary Application This practically means several things: Christian experience is not rooted in mere religious activities but in the direct experience of God. Religious activities are enough to deceive us but not to save us. The real test of knowing God comes through whether we are actually using this love from Him to love others. We live the life of love by faith. That is, when we encounter situations where we know we could not love on our own, we must trust God for the love needed. This practically usually means that we cry out to God telling Him of our desperate situation, our inability and sometimes our unwillingness to do the right thing, and plead for His love to control us. In summary, with John we affirm "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".

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