

Seven Words that Say It All  
I John 4:19-21, Jeremiah 31:3-6  
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3. Therefore, we love \_\_\_\_\_.  
Deuteronomy 6:5 ***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.***

4. Therefore, we also love \_\_\_\_\_.  
I John 4:11 ***Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.***  
(ESV)

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Matthew 22:37-40 ***Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [d] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."***

Matthew 5:43-44 ***"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ..."***

John 13:34 ***"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."***

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“How can I deal with guilt?”

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I John 4:19 ***We love because he first loved us.***

■ These verses are actually a great summary of the whole Bible.

■ SCQ 3 What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man [sic.] is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man [sic.].

What are we to believe concerning God? That He first loved us.

What duty does God require of us? To love.

■ So let's start unpacking that verse. It will take us months.

■ And as we unpack we will discover one priceless treasure after another.

■ We won't cover it all today, but let's get started.

■ First things first:

2. God first loves us.

Jeremiah 31:3 ***The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.***

■ This is an extraordinary kind of love.

We got a glimpse of it in our Prayer of Confession when we quoted I Corinthians 13:4-7

**“Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”**

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■ Gospel

■ This is how we get rid of guilt.

3. Therefore, we love God.

Deuteronomy 6:5 4-9 **4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ... 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**

4. Therefore, we also love others.

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■ This is radical love. This is supernatural love.

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## **Axioms and theorems**

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