

# Love in Deed and in Truth

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# Outline

- Text: 1 John 3: 10 – 24.
- The Message from the beginning – Love
- Demonstration of the Love of God
- Love has no torment
- Love engenders answered prayers
- Love is the fulfilment of all the laws

# The message from the Beginning

- The divine law of Christ –
  - 1 John 3: 11 – The message of Jesus from the beginning.
  - 1 John 3: 14 - The Love of God in our hearts is an indication that we have passed from death to life.
  - 1 John 3: 16 – The Love of God entails laying down His life for us; we need to lay down our life for our brothers.
  - 1 John 4: 7 – Anyone born of God knows God because He is Love.
  - John 13: 34 – A New Commandment – Love one another.
  - 2 John 5: The Pathway to follow: truth and love.

# Demonstration of the Love of God

- 1 John 2: 16 – 18

Note: “when you see someone in need  
love demands a loving deed;  
Don’t just say you love him true,  
Prove it by the deed you do – Sper”  
(See Our Daily Bread, September 22,  
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# Love has no torment

- Love without tears – 1 John 4: 16 – 21
- Love bears all things, etc – 1 Cor. 13: 4 – 7
- Love helps us look into the future and not into the past.
- Love helps us maintain a clear conscience with men and God – 1 John 3: 20.
- Love gives us boldness to approach the throne of grace.

# Love delivers Answered Prayers

- 1 John 3: 21-22 – We have boldness to approach the throne of God.
- Heb. 4:16 – There is boldness to ask for grace to help in the time of need.
- Job 42: 5, 10 – Love propelled forgive in the heart of Job and the Lord answered his prayers and blessed him with double.

# Love: fulfilment of the Law

- Mat 22: 37 – 40 – The mother of all laws is love.
- Rom. 13:8 – 10 – Love is the fulfilling of the law.
- James 2: 8-12 – Love is the royal law of according to the Scripture.

# Conclusion

1. **Love is a duty, because we have the “the duty [or: debt] to love one another”** (Rom 13:8; John 4:11).
2. **Love is obedience. According to 1 Peter 1:22 we “purify” ourselves through “obedience” “to unfeigned love of brothers and sisters”.<sup>8</sup> Even Jesus showed His love to His Father by obeying him: “just as I obeyed my father's commandments and remain in His love” (John 10, 15).**
3. **Love is an act of our heart and will. We are told to have “the same mind...love”** (Phil 2:2), which is “the same mind which is also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5).
4. **Love is concrete, actual, practical, and it is deed and action. 1 John 3:17,18**