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...God is love.

I John 4:8

There are many things that God is: Just, Holy, Forgiving, Righteous, Faithful and True; but one of the most unknown things that God is - God is love? The love that the Bible talks about is not the same love the world talks about. God knows more about love than the world knows. See what love is to God.

Look up I Corinthians 13:1-8.



If we could speak every language, understand and know everything, have all the faith in the world, give all that we have to the poor and not have charity (form of love) we are n_____ (I Corinthians 13:2).



What charity (love) is:

1. Suffereth l_____. (verse 4) Love is patient.
2. Is k_____. (verse 4) Love is nice.
3. Envieth not. Love doesn't want something else.
4. Vaunteth not i_____. (verse 4) Love isn't self-centered.
5. Is not puffed u_____. (verse 4) Love isn't proud.
6. Doth not behave itself u_____. (verse 5) Love is not perverted.
7. Seeketh not her o_____. (verse 5) Love is unselfish.
8. Is not easily provoked. Love doesn't get angry quickly.
9. Thinketh no e_____. (verse 5) Love thinks about good things.
10. Rejoiceth not in iniquity. Love is not around sin and does not have fun in sin.
11. Beareth all things. Love carries our troubles.
13. Believeth all things. Love trusts in God for all things.
14. Hopeth all t_____. (verse 7) Love has confidence in God to get us through.
15. Endureth a____ things. (verse 7) Love doesn't give up in trouble.
16. Never f_____. (verse 8) Love never stops loving.



Now that we know what God says love is, we can see God's example of love towards us.

God showed us true love by saving us.

Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love t_____ us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ d_____ for us."

John 15:13, "Greater love hath no m_____ than this, that a man lay down his l_____ for his friends."

As sinners we deserve to go to a place called hell, but Christ loved us enough to die for us and pay our punishment on the cross. Christ showed us He loved us even more by raising from the dead.

God showed us true love by keeping us.

Hebrews 13:5 "... I will never l_____ thee, nor forsake thee."



John 10:29, "My Father, which gave them me, is g_____ than all; and no m_____ is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Romans 8:39, "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to s _____ us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

When we receive Christ as our Saviour, he keeps us. We will never have to worry about losing our salvation because God keeps us and will never leave us. We are God's children forever!



God showed us true love by protecting us.

John 10:14, "I am the good s _____, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

God takes care of His own children. Think of all the many things that he protects us from every day. Good shepherds protect their flock from danger. In Matthew 18:10, it says that the "little ones" have "their angels" which means God is His children. Never be afraid when God is near, protecting us.

There are many other things that God shows His love in. God's example of love tells us that He loves us. The love of God is in us if we are saved through Jesus Christ.

We should show God's love by:

1. Loving the Lord thy God.

Mark 12:30, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy h _____, and with all thy s _____, and with all thy m _____, and with all thy s _____: this is the first commandment."

2. Loving our enemies.

Matthew 5:44, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, b _____ them that curse you, do g _____ to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"



3. Loving our parents.

Ephesians 6:2, "H _____ thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;"

4. Loving our neighbor (that is everyone we meet even those who are different from us.)

Mark 12:31, "And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as t _____. There is none other commandment greater than these."



5. Forgiving others.

Matthew 6:14, "For if ye forgive m _____ their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:"

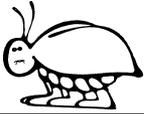
6. Keeping His commandments.

John 14:15, "If ye love me, k _____ my commandments."

Because God is love and God the Holy Spirit dwells in us, we must show God's love all the time. John 15:9, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love."

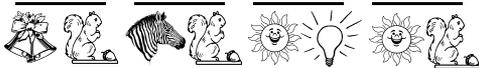


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are my disciples, if ye

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John 13:35

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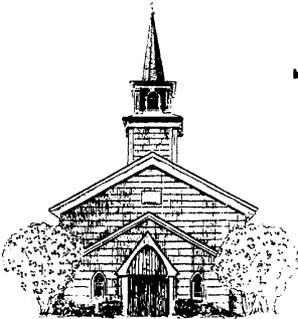
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