

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;  
**everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**God's love was revealed among us in this way:**

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

**In this is love, not that we loved God**

but that he loved us

**and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**No one has ever seen God;**

if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,**

because he has given us of his Spirit.

**God is love,**

and those who abide in love abide in God,

**and God abides in them.**

*(1 John 4:7-13, 16b)*