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## God in Us.

(1 John 4:12-15)

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- **1 John 4:8:** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This verse shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that God is love. This means that the Spirit of God is love and that anything that is contrary to love is contrary to the nature, the character and the Spirit of God. Obviously, the Bible does not give us specific counselling details for every situation in life, especially difficulties that arise in relationships, but it does give us a universal principal that should be applied to all situations and that is to always act from love and always do the loving thing.

- **1 John 4:12-16:** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

John's words, "No one has ever seen God" (v12) appear to contradict the following verses:

- Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face" (Gen. 32:30).
- The LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend (Exod. 33:11).
- No prophet has arisen like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face (Deut. 34:10).

These verses are easily harmonized with John's words, "No one has ever seen God" when it is understood that the phrase, "Face to face" carries the idea of intimacy and closeness, it means that God acted toward Moses as a very close and dear friend and cherished and spoke to him a very unique way, but all the time veiled by thick cloud.

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Loving our brothers and sisters in Christ manifests the love of God abiding in us and when we show compassion, kindness, mercy, grace, forgiveness and such like things toward others we are perfecting God's love in us.

**NOTE:** this does not mean that God's love is imperfect since God's HOLINESS is perfect in every way, but the portion of His love that dwells in us is made imperfect because it dwells in a body of flesh (self, ego, pride, greed, jealousies, anger and such like things).

Should anyone desire to measure how much of God's Spirit dwells within their heart and mind and how much they are being led by the Spirit of God all they have to do is look inside themselves and examine how much love is dwelling in the heart and mind and how much of their behaviour manifests love toward others, especially those who belong to the global family of Christ.

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### THE FOLLOWING TWO VERSES CLEARLY SHOW THAT JESUS IS NOT GOD

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1. We (the apostles) have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world (v14).
2. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God (v15).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the fact that the apostles never considered for a moment that Jesus was actually God the Father. In fact, if Jesus was the Father the apostles could be accused of proclaiming a

deceptive Gospel since they always proclaim Jesus is God's Son and never once say that he is actually God. Added to this they always proclaim that to be saved to eternal life a sinner MUST believe that Jesus is the Son of God and never tell anyone that they must also believe Jesus is also God the Father. Surely if it was important for us to believe that Jesus was God the apostles and Paul would not have kept it secret, but proclaimed it from the roof-tops with the same zeal and passion they did in proclaiming that sinners MUST believe Jesus is the Son of God to be saved.

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## GOD LIVES IN US

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The statement, "God lives in us," means that God's Spirit of love abides in the heart and mind of every faithful brother and sister in Christ. It is by this Spirit of love that those in Christ are bonded together with each other and with Christ and his heavenly Father. God dwells in Christ, Christ dwells in God, and believers' dwell in Christ and Christ in them by love. God's Spirit of love is the cement that holds the body of Christ together. We are all made one by love, it is in this same manner that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are spoken of as being one, it means they are one in mind and heart in perfect love and perfect unity.

**NOTE:** the words, "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God" (v15) means that believers abide in Christ by faith and by love and Christ abides in God which means that whoever is in Christ is also in God the Father.

John states:

We have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us (v16). The following is the most perfect example of love and the most splendid and humbling of all Scriptures since it clearly shows how much Christ loves us, the apostle Paul wrote the following to the brothers and sisters at Rome:

- While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom 5:6).

Meaning though we were full of sinful dysfunctions and aberrations dwelling within our bodies (i.e., self, ego, pride, greed, lustful thoughts, jealousies and anger etc.,) Christ died for us, he laid down his life that we could be made righteous by faith apart from the law, self-effort and works. In spite of our corrupted fallen nature God counts our faith in Christ as our righteousness it is imputed to us as a pure and free gift. Though some of us might die for a friend or loved one, Christ died for us while we were ungodly, meaning indifferent to God and His ways and in many cases blasphemers, consider; if God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing Himself to the worst by sending his Son is there anything else he wouldn't gladly do to save us now we love His Son (Rom 5:10-11).

Some in the Christian faith determine whether God loves them by their good or bad circumstances, i.e., if life is calm and running smoothly God loves them, but if it suddenly takes a turn for the worse and trouble comes they feel God has withdrawn his love, but this is superstition and judging God according to this world, when anyone who believes in Christ doubts God's love all we have to do is look back to the cross and see what it cost the Father to save us and how much his Son suffered so that we could have put upon us a royal crown and majestic robe of righteousness apart from the law and works and not only be justified but granted eternal life in everlasting glory.

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us (Rom 5:8).