

Jude writes to those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ. Mercy, peace, and love be yours in advance.

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Love
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Message Notes

Did we ask for his love? What do we do with that love after we have received it?

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

What a powerful statement from the Apostle John. It appears that this is a litmus test for those who say they are born again.

Do we or don't we love? If we love, then we can claim to be a child of God and born again. If we do not love, then such claims are false and without merit.

Love is more than a statement. Love is more than a feeling, and the litmus test comes when we need to die to self and put others first.

Think about your own life and the people with whom you interact on a daily or weekly basis. Do you love them? Do you really love them? Are you willing to put aside your own preferences so they can have their way? Are you willing to put aside your need to be right so there can be peace in your relationship?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 expresses what love is and what we can expect from love.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.