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# 1 JOHN

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*Sermon Series*

1 John 4 – *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

*We can love because God loves and  
because God loves so do we.*

# 1 John 4 v 1–7 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world

Leau pele e, aua tou te faalogo i agaga uma lava, a ia outou tofotofo i agaga pe mai le Atua i latou; auā e toatele perofeta pepelo ua o atu i le lalolagi.

Verse 1

# 1 John 4 v 1–7 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> **but** every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

O le mea lenei tou te iloa ai le Agaga o le Atua, O agaga uma o e ta'utino, ua maliu mai Iesu Keriso i le tino, mai le Atua lava i latou. 3A o agaga uma o e le ta'utino, ua maliu mai Iesu Keriso i le tino, e le mai le Atua i latou; o lo le anetikeriso lava lenei ua outou faalogo ai o le a sau, o loo i ai nei i le lalolagi.

Verses 2 & 3

## 1 John 4 v 1–6 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

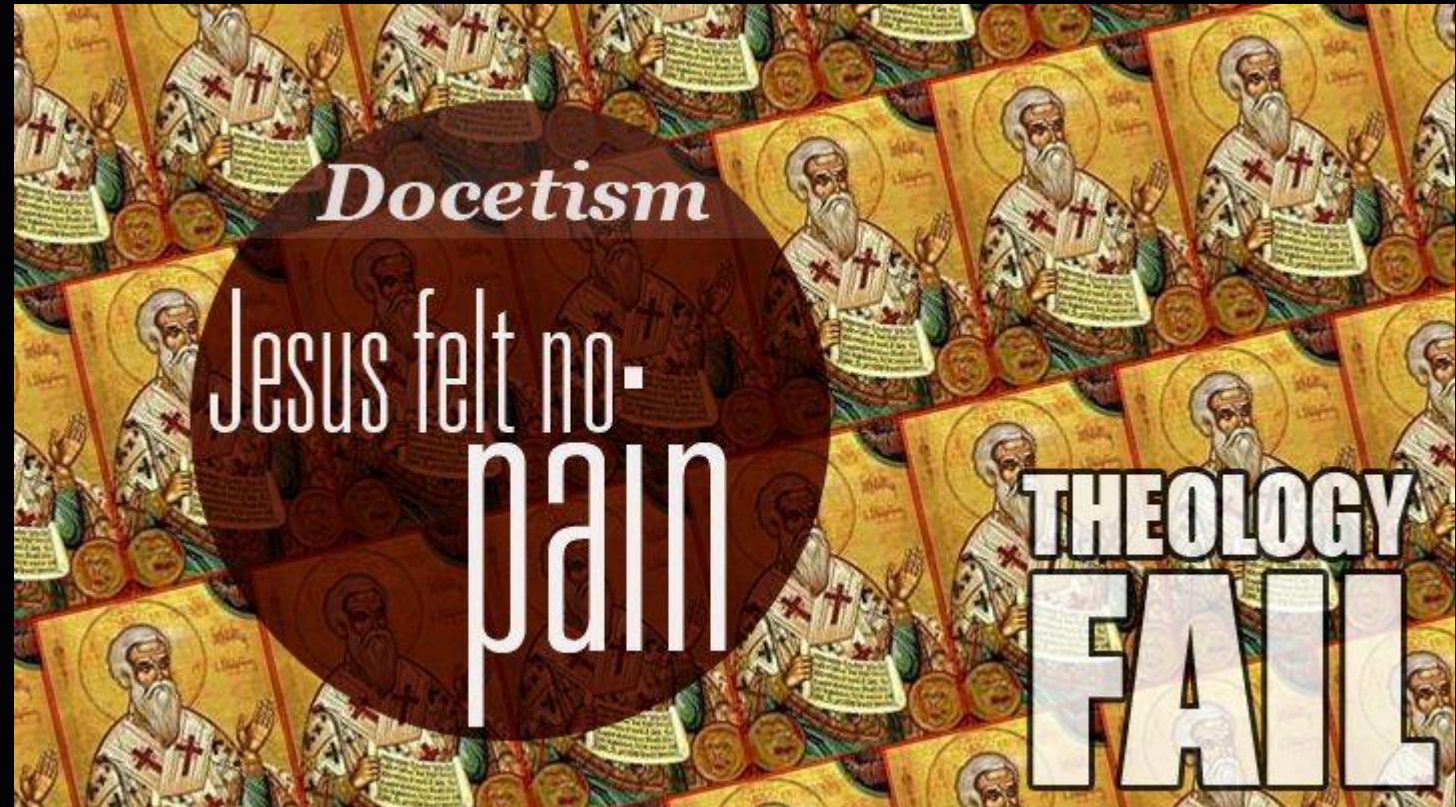
You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Verses 4 - 6

O outou, le fanau e, mai le Atua lava outou, ua outou manumalo foi ia te i latou, auā e sili o ia ua ia te outou, i le ua i le lalolagi. <sup>5</sup> O i latou, e o le lalolagi lava i latou, o le mea lea o loo tautalatala ai i latou i la le lalolagi; e faalogo atu foi le lalolagi ia te i latou. <sup>6</sup> O i matou, mai le Atua lava i matou, o le ua iloa le Atua e faalogo mai o ia ia te i matou; o le le mai le Atua e le faalogo mai o ia ia te i matou; o le mea lea ua tatou iloa ai le agaga moni ma le agaga sese.

1 John 4 v 1–6 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

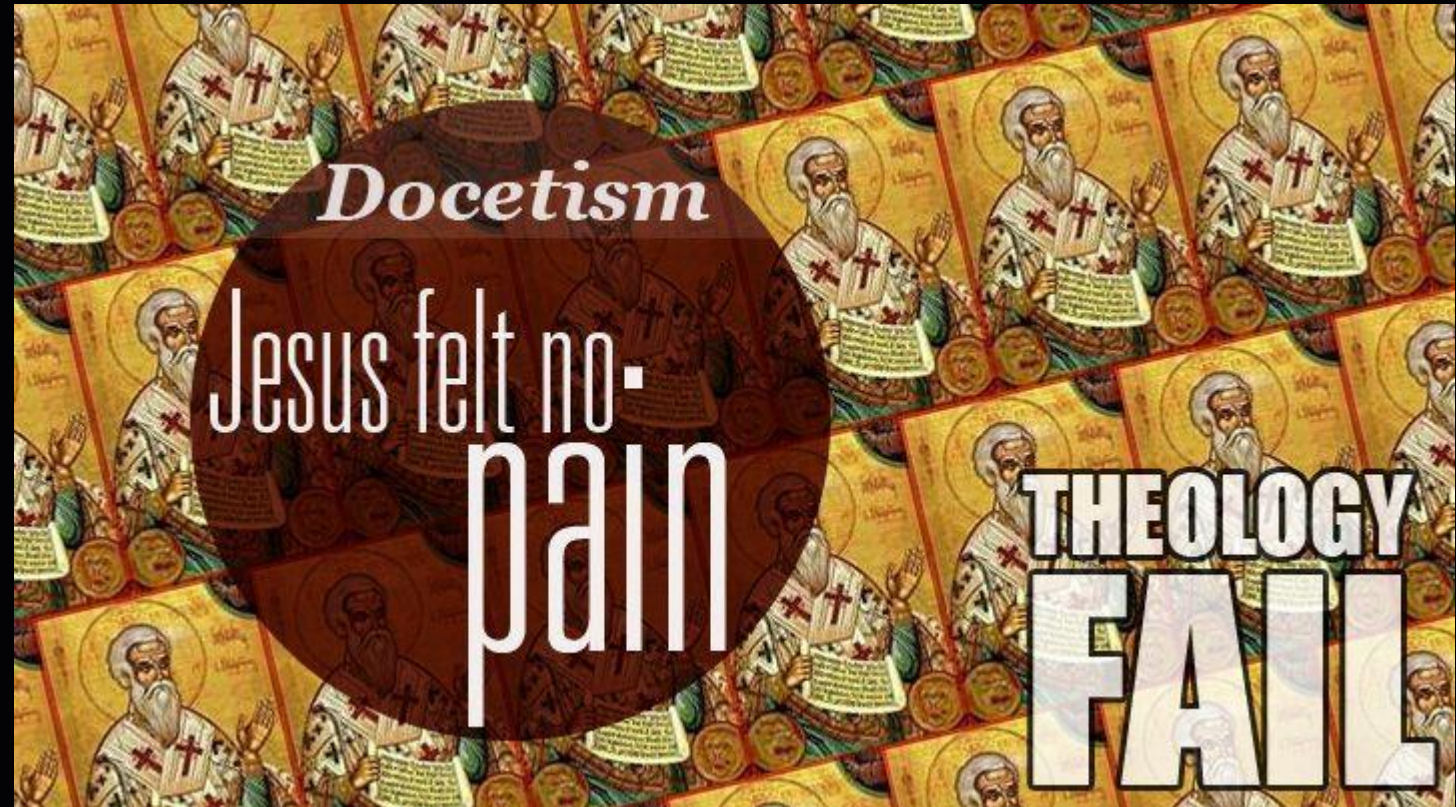
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Verses 4 - 6

1 John 4 v 7-21 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

What's love got to do with it?



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## 1 John 4 v 7–21 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Verses 7 - 10

Le au pele e, ia tatou fealofani; auā mai le Atua le alofa; o i latou uma foi o e alolofa ua fanau mai i latou mai le Atua, ua iloa foi e i latou le Atua. <sup>8</sup>O se le alofa ua le iloa e ia le Atua; auā o le Atua, o le alofa lava ia. <sup>9</sup>O le mea lava lenei ua faaalua mai ai le alofa o le Atua ia te i tatou, ina ua auina mai e le Atua lona Alo e toatasi i le lalolagi, ina ia tatou ola ia te ia. <sup>10</sup>O le alofa lava lenei, e le ona ua tatou alofa i le Atua, a ua alofa mai o ia ia te i tatou, ua na auina mai foi lona Alo o le togiola mo a tatou agasala.



## 1 John 4 v 7–21 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. <sup>13</sup>This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: 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.

Le au pele e, afai ua faapea ona alofa mai o le Atua a te i tatou, e tatau ai ona tatou fealofani. <sup>12</sup>E lei vaaia lava le Atua e se tasi; a tatou fealofani, ua tumau le Atua i totonu ia te i tatou, ua atoatoa foi le alofa ia te ia i totonu ia i tatou. <sup>13</sup>O le mea lava lenei ua tatou iloa ai ua tumau i tatou i totonu ia te ia, o ia foi i totonu ia i tatou, auā o lona Agaga ua ia foaiina mai ia te i tatou. <sup>14</sup>O i matou foi, ua matou vaaia, ua matou molimau ai foi, na auina mai e le Tamā o le Alo, o le Faaola o le lalolagi.

Verses 11 - 14

## 1 John 4 v 7–21 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

O sē ta'utino atu, o Iesu o le Alo o le Atua o ia, o loo tumau le Atua i totonu ia te ia, o ia foi o i totonu o le Atua. <sup>16</sup> O i tatou foi, ua tatou iloa ma ua faatuatua i le alofa ua i le Atua ia te i tatou. O le Atua, o le alofa lava ia; o lē tumau i le alofa, ua tumau ia i totonu o le Atua, o le Atua foi o i totonu ia te ia. <sup>17</sup> O le mea lava lenei ua atoatoa ai le alofa ia te i tatou, ina ia tatou maua le faamalosi i le aso o le faamasinoga; auā e pei o ia, e faapea foi i tatou i lenei lalolagi.

Verses 15 - 17

## 1 John 4 v 7–21 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

E leai se fefe i le alofa, a o le alofa atoatoa e faateaeseina ai le fefe; auā o le mea tiga le fefe; o le ua fefe, e le faaatoatoaina o ia i le alofa. <sup>19</sup>O i tatou, ua tatou alolofa ia te ia, auā na ia muai alofa mai ia te i tatou. <sup>20</sup>Pe afai e faapea mai se tasi, Ou te alofa i le Atua, a e ita i lona uso, o le pepelo lava ia; auā o le alofa i lona uso ua ia vaai atu i ai, pe mafai faapefea ona alofa o ia i le Atua ua ia le vaai atu i ai.

1 John 4 v 7–21 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

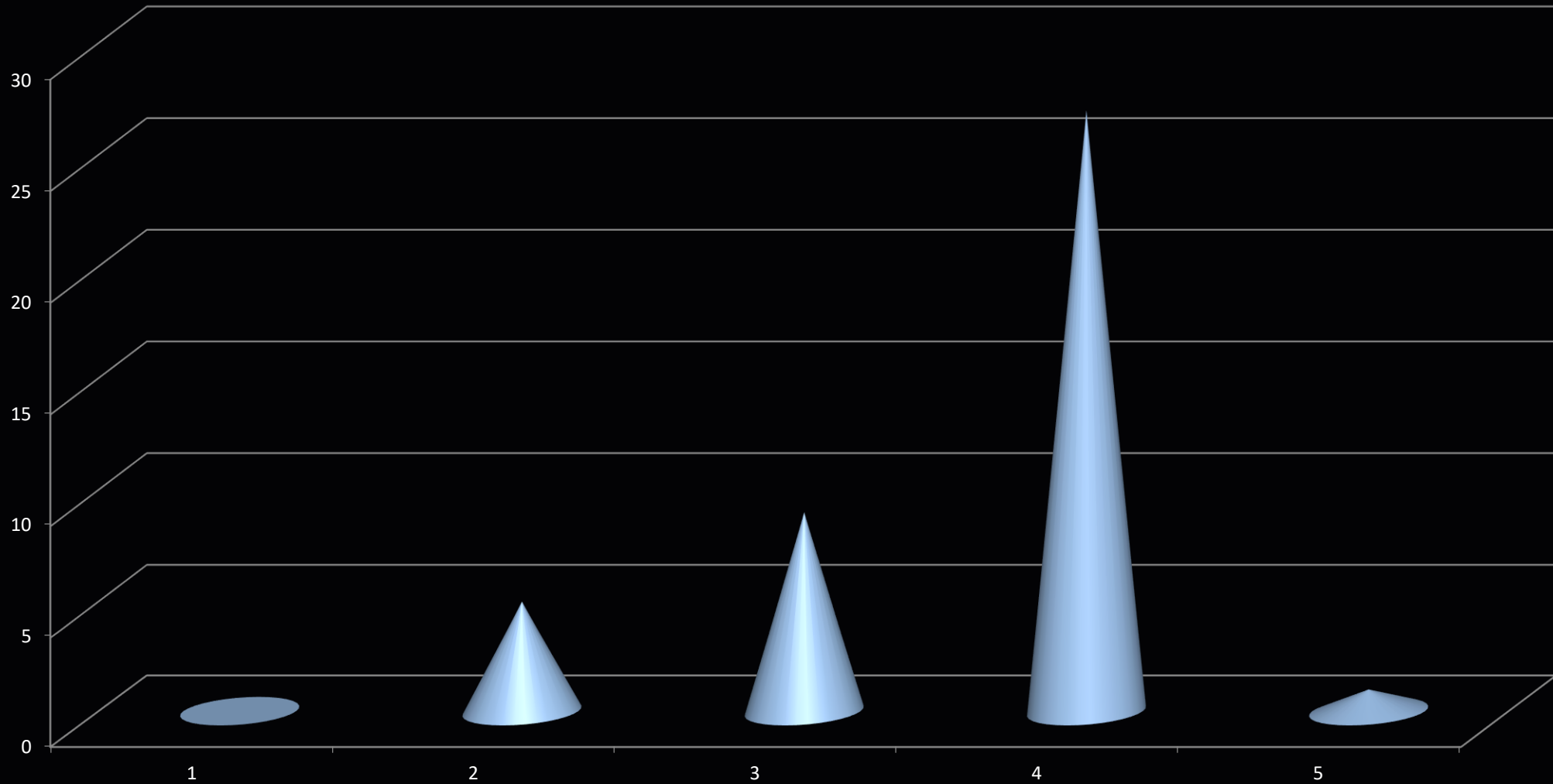
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command: Anyone who loves  
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Verse 21

# 1 John 4 v 7–21 *All you need is LOVE . . . ?*

Love word count by chapter in 1 John



1 John 4 v 7 – 11 *Love Each Other*

1 John 4 v 12 – 15 *Knowing God*

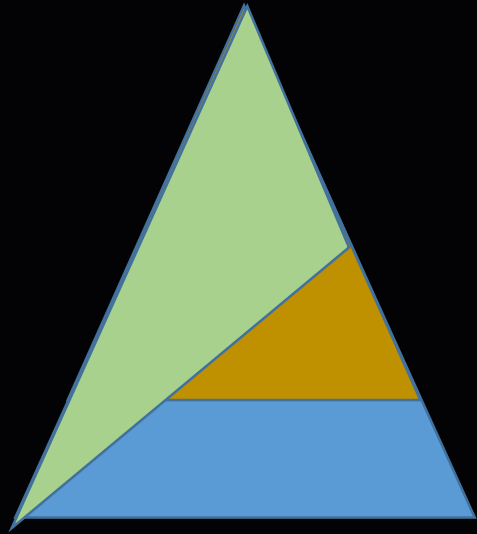
1 John 4 v 16 – 18 *Love's Assurance*

1 John 4 v 19 – 21 *Love Because*

## 1 John 4 v 7– 11 *Love each other*

**Dear friends, let us** love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not **know** God, **because God is love.**

Le au pele e, ia tatou fealofani; auā mai le Atua le alofa; o i latou uma foi o e alolofa ua fanau mai i latou mai le Atua, ua iloa foi e i latou le Atua. <sup>8</sup>O se le alofa ua le iloa e ia le Atua; auā o le Atua, o le alofa lava ia.






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God is love  love is God

## 1 John 4 v 9 – 11 *Love each other*

<sup>9</sup> This is **how** God showed his love among us: **He sent his one and only** Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an **atoning** sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, **since God so loved us**, we also ought to love one another.

9 O le mea lava lenei ua faaalia mai ai le alofa o le Atua ia te i tatou, ina ua auina mai e le Atua lona Alo e toatasi i le lalolagi, ina ia tatou ola ia te ia. 10 O le alofa lava lenei, e le ona ua tatou alofa i le Atua, a ua alofa mai o ia ia te i tatou, ua na auina mai foi lona Alo o le togiola mo a tatou agasala. 11 Le au pele e, afai ua faapea ona alofa mai o le Atua a te i tatou, e tatau ai ona tatou fealofani.

## 1 John 4 v 12 – 15 *Knowing God*

<sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but **if we love one another, God lives in us** and his love is made **complete** in us.

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‘Our fundamental sin is that we place ourselves in a position of God and divide the world between what we judge to be good and evil. And this judgment is the primary thing that keeps us from doing the central thing God created and saved us to do, namely, love like he loves.’

Gregory Boyd

‘Marriage may be an expression of love, but it’s not the highest ideal of love. God is. As a matter of fact, Scripture tells us that ‘God is love’ (1 John 4:8)... no other religion or holy book has ever claimed this about its god. Only the Bible explicitly, coherently and audaciously claims that the God it tells about is love. Other religions can claim that their god or gods may be loving. However, love is an ontological (nature of being) reality of our God. Understanding this point is fundamental when distinguishing Christianity from other religions and worldviews.’

Dr Christopher Yuan



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WHOEVER  
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LIVES  
IN GOD  
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- 1 JOHN 4:16

