

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 NIV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father . . . John 1:14 NIV

He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. John 1:14b NLT

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. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:9-11

What Love Requires:

1. _____ it.

Jesus: "I have loved you the same way the Father has loved me. So live in my love." John 15:9 GW

I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts . . . as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Ephesians 3:17-19 TLB

- Wide enough to include _____
- Long enough to last _____
- Deep enough to handle _____

- High enough to overlook all of your _____.

Jesus: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12 NIV

2. _____ 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. since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 1 John 4:7-8,11-12 NIV

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need but closes his heart, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18

- Use the _____.
- See the _____.
- Open your _____.
- Practically meet the _____.

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Galatians 5:6 NIV

The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it. Luke 16:16 NIV

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