
Vertical love

1 John 4:16 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 him.

1 John 4:9 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.

1 John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

John 12:24 Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much fruit.

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Infatuation Happens; Love is Built

Building a Marriage—part 3

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What is "love"?

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Love as “desire” or “duty”? (or both?)

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The promise of future love

Malachi 2:14 *You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have **broken faith** with her, though she is your partner, the wife of **your marriage covenant**.*

Helping romantic love fulfill itself

Matthew 5:43 *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'*

⁴⁴ *But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*

⁴⁵ *that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

⁴⁶ *If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?*

⁴⁷ *And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?*

⁴⁸ *Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Deciding to love

Eph. 5:28 **Ought to love** their wives
