

LOVE February 2025

1 John 4:16

What is Love? Love is a complex set of feeling and behaviors that can include intimacy, passion and commitment. To Love is a choice. Love can exist with and without feelings but never without choice.

What are signs of Love? Mutual respect. Feeling of safety and security. Mutual trust. Mutual support. Mutual understanding of the other's values, beliefs, and life goals. Strong desire to be connected. Wish to defend the other. Mutual sincerity. Praying for others. Authentic caring.

What are ways God shows His love for us? Through the glory of creation. By creating us in His image. Through His "love letter" (the Bible). By listening to our prayers. By giving us His only Son. By sending the Holy Spirit. Through the promise of eternal life with Him in Heaven.

What are the 4 types of Love in scripture?

1. Eros-romantic or sexual love
2. Storge-familial love
3. Philia-friendly love
4. Agape-God's love-selfless, sacrificial love

The Women's group favorite verses about Love

1 Corinthians 13 the Love chapter

Romans 5:8

Matthew 22:37-40

John 15:9-10

John 17:25-26

1 Corinthians 8:3

Galatians 5:22-26

John 3:16

Jesus' commands us to love each other "as I have loved you"-completely and sacrificially in John 13:34. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples" John 13:35

Hymn And Can it Be?

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me!

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine! 'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.

Chorus

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]

Amen.

Hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life and I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now