

The Right Way: 1 John 4: 7 – 5: 5

First Affirmation: *GOD IS LIGHT* (1: 5)

Second Affirmation: *GOD IS RIGHTEOUS* (2: 29)

Third Affirmation: **GOD IS LOVE** (4: 8)

“Little children, love one another...Because it is the Lord’s command, and if this is all you do, it is enough.”

1. Our Love Comes From God

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

He takes the initiative

He takes action

2. Our Love Makes God Real To Others

¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

God lives in us

His love is made complete in us

3. Our Love Overcomes Obstacles

¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment..

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Fear

Hatred

4. Our Love Includes Everyone God Loves

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

In obedience to the Father

With faith that overcomes the world

Do you want to love like this?

Will you trust God to make it happen?