

Love:

One of the marks of a true believer

1 John 4:7-21

Love for one another brings hope and confidence into our lives because...

1. Love for one another comes from God.
 - A. If you love in this way two things can be said about you. (vs 7)
 1. You are born of God.
 2. You know God and are known by God.
 - B. If you do not love you do not have God's DNA. (vs 8)
2. Love has been clearly illustrated for us by God.
 - A. By sending His only Son to give us who were dead in our sins life. (vs 9)
 - B. By acting in love long before we loved Him. (vs10)
 1. He first loved us.
 2. His love required the death of His Son.
3. Love is a partner with the Holy Spirit and our confession. Vs 13-15
4. Love is an integral part of God's nature. Vs 16-18
 - A. Whoever loves is from/like God.
 - B. The one who practices love will have confidence now and on the Day of Judgment.

Conclusion:

1. The reason we love is that God first loved us.
2. The second reason we love is that whoever loves God will love the children of God.

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