

**KJV 1 John 4:14-21**

- 14. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
- 15. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
- 16. And we have known and believed the **love** that **God** hath to us. **God is love**; and he that dwelleth in **love** dwelleth in **God**, and **God** in him.
- 17. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
- 18. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
- 19. We love him, because he first loved us.
- 20. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
- 21. And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

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**Knowing Christ means more love and confidence, less and less fear**

I John 4:14-16a

We ourselves are eye-witnesses able and willing to testify to the fact that the Father did send the Son to save the world. Everyone who acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God lives in him, and he lives in God. So we have come to know and trust the love God has for us.

16b-18

God is love, and the man whose life is lived in love does, in fact, live in God, and God does, in fact, live in him. So our love for him grows more and more, filling us with complete confidence for the day when he shall judge all men—for we realize that our life in this world is actually his life lived in us. Love contains no fear—indeed fully-developed love expels every particle of fear, for fear always contains some of the torture of feeling guilty. This means that the man who lives in fear has not yet had his love perfected.

19-21

Yes, we love him because he first loved us. If a man says, “I love God” and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if he does not love the brother before his eyes how can he love the one beyond his sight? And in any case it is his explicit command that the one who loves God must love his brother too.

**Mercy without Partiality**

"God is Love." More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go. To suppose that God forgives or punishes sin according as His mercy is sought or unsought, is to misunderstand Love and to make prayer the safety-valve for wrong-doing.

**Divine Severity**

Jesus uncovered and rebuked sin before he cast it out. Of a sick woman he said that Satan had bound her, and to Peter he said, "Thou art an offense unto me." He came teaching and showing men how to destroy sin, sickness, and death.

He said of the fruitless tree, "[It] is hewn down." It is believed by many that a certain magistrate, who lived in the time of Jesus, left this record: "His rebuke is fearful." The strong language of our Master confirms this description.

The only civil sentence which he had for error was, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Still stronger evidence that Jesus' reproof was pointed and pungent is found in his own words, — showing the necessity for such forcible utterance, when he cast out devils and healed the sick and sinning. The relinquishment of error deprives material sense of its false claims.