

Twenty Reasons You Should Love Others Sun Am 2/10/19

1 John 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1. To prove that we are of God.

1 John 4:8 (NKJV)

⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

2. It proves Sonship.

3. It is proof of knowing God.

4. Because God is love and we should imitate Him as children of God.

1 John 4:9 (NKJV)

⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

Romans 5:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

5. God has imparted love to us.

6. God sent His Son to make it possible.

7. That we might live.

1 John 4:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.

8. Because God first loved us.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

9. We have been loved and forgiven of so much.

1 John 4:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

10. It is our duty.

Romans 5:6-10 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11. God loved us when we were unlovable.

1 John 4:12 (NKJV)

¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

12. God dwells in us.

13. God's love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:13 (NKJV)

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14. Because of the indwelling of His Spirit.

1 John 4:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

15. We believe in love.

16. We dwell in God.

1 John 4:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

17. We are like Him.

1 John 4:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

18. It proves we love God.

1 John 4:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

19. It is a command.

1 John 5:1-2 (NKJV)

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

20. It is natural as sons of God.

How to check our love walk.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7(NKJV)

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

If our love walk doesn't line up with these requirements then we are not walking in love.