

1 John 4:7 – 21

v8 – whoever	(pronoun)	anyone that; any person who
v10 – atoning	(adjective)	making amends for a wrong
v10 – sacrifice	(noun)	an offering to God because of a wrongdoing
v10 – sins	(noun –pl.)	offences (against God or a person); wrongs
v11 – ought	(verb)	should; are compelled or expected (to do something)
v14 – testify	(verb)	state that something you witnessed is true
v14 – Saviour	(noun)	the one who is able to save us; the one who is able to save us from sin and bring us into relationship with God; Jesus Christ
v15 – acknowledges	(verb)	recognises or admits something to be true
v16 - rely	(verb)	depend on; have trust in
v17 – among	(preposition)	in a group; in the middle of
v17 – confidence	(noun)	trust in a person or thing
v18 - fear	(noun)	a feeling of distress or alarm caused by danger
v18 – perfect	(adjective)	having no fault or flaw; complete
v18 – drives out	(phrasal verb)	removes
v18 – punishment	(noun)	a penalty given for a crime or wrong
v18 – fears	(verb)	feel worry because you might be in danger
v20 – yet	(conjunction)	still, but also
v20 – liar	(noun)	a person who does not tell the truth
v21 - command	(noun)	instruction

1 John 4:7-21 (New International Reader's Version)

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become a child of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him. ¹⁰ Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we should also love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love one another, God lives in us. His love is made complete in us.

¹³ Here's how we know that we are joined to him and he to us. He has given us his Holy Spirit. ¹⁴ The Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. We have seen it and are witnesses to it. ¹⁵ God lives in anyone who agrees that Jesus is the Son of God. This kind of person remains joined to God. ¹⁶ So we know that God loves us. We depend on it.

God is love. Anyone who leads a life of love is joined to God. And God is joined to them. ¹⁷ Suppose love is fulfilled among us. Then we can be without fear on the day God judges the world. Love is fulfilled among us when in this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. Instead, perfect love drives away fear. That's because fear has to do with being punished. The one who fears does not have perfect love.

¹⁹ We love because he loved us first. ²⁰ Suppose someone claims to love God but hates a brother or sister. Then they are a liar. They don't love their brother or sister, whom they have seen. So they can't love God, whom they haven't seen. ²¹ Here is the command God has given us. Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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