

#20 Love Notes:

1 John 4:8 Whoever does not **love** does not know **God**, because **God is love**.

The Word **Love in Hebrew** is "Ahava."

Matt 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Genesis 29:18 Jacob was in **love** with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

Genesis 29:20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his **love** for her.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord your **God is God**; he is the faithful **God**, keeping his covenant of **love** to a thousand generations of those who **love** him and keep his commandments.

1 Corinthians 12:31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. [*Love Is Indispensable*] And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13 If I speak in the tongues (Languages) of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.⁶ Love does not delight in evil but

rejoices with the truth.⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part,¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Jude 1:21 keep yourselves in God's **love** as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

1 John 4:18 ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Colossians 3:7-17 ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.¹⁴

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Romans 8:38-39 says that there is nothing that can ever separate us from **God's love**.

God has poured out his love into our hearts (**Romans 5:5**).

Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another (**1 John 4:11**). In other words, our response to the news of God's love for us needs to be to love others. **Jesus repeatedly commanded us to love others** (See **Matthew 5:43-47, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 6:27-35, John 13:34-35, John 15:12,17**).

1 John 4:19 says, We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:7 says, Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Despite your sinful nature, God offered the life of His very son for you (**Romans 5:8-10**).

John 3:16 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

How great is the love God lavishes on us! (**1 John 3:1**)