

# **LOVE PERFECTED**

**1 JOHN 4:12-19**



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BELIEVERS

SATAN

SELFLESS

GOD'S LOVE

CROSS

GOD

ABIDING

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WORLD

WITNESS

GOD'S SON

JESUS CHRIST

SIN

HOLY SPIRIT

PUNISHMENT

BRETHREN

**I. ABIDING IN LOVE, 12-16.**

**II. PERFECTED LOVE, 17-19.**

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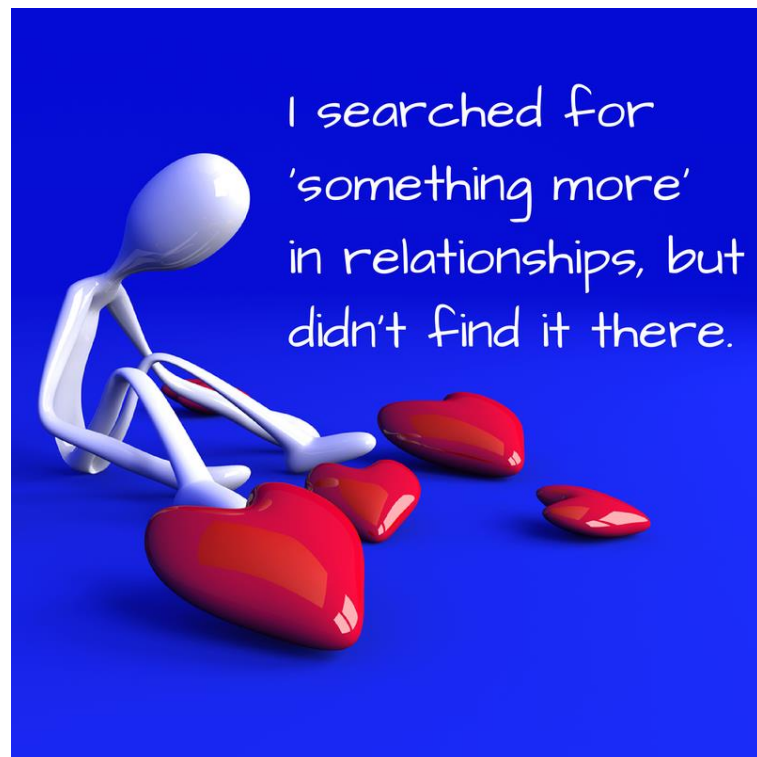
# I. ABIDING IN LOVE, 12-16.

## Verse 12

**“No one has beheld (seen) God at any time;  
(then how are people going to see God)  
if we love one another, God abides in us,  
and His love is perfected in us.”**



*Looking for  
~~love~~ in all  
the wrong  
places?*





# TRUE LOVE

THE SHAPE OF  
TRUE LOVE ISN'T  
A DIAMOND.

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IT'S A CROSS.

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# I. ABIDING IN LOVE, 12-16.

## Verse 13

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

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**“And we have beheld and bear witness  
that the Father has sent the Son  
to be the Savior of the world.”**

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Verse 15

**“Whoever confesses that  
Jesus is the Son of God,  
God abides in him, and he in God.”**

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## Verse 16

**“And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”**

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When I was just a lad of ten, my father said to me,



“Come here and take a lesson from the lovely lemon tree.”

“Don't put your faith in love, my boy,” my father said to me,

“I fear you'll find that love is like the lovely lemon tree.”

Lemon tree very pretty and the lemon flower is sweet

But the fruit of the poor lemon is impossible to eat.

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**“LOVE IS GOD”**

**“GOD IS LOVE”**

## **II. PERFECTED LOVE, 17-19.**

1. God's Love casts out fear once it is perfected.  
(Verse 17-18)
2. The Reason we Love  
and  
the Reason we can Love  
(Verse 19)

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Verse 17

**“By this,  
[by abiding in God, in God’s love]  
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**PERFECTED =**

**Maturity and Completeness**

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### Verse 18

“There is no **fear** in love;  
but perfect love casts out **fear**,  
because **fear** involves punishment,  
and the one who **fears** is not perfected in love.”

# Purity of Heart



## Fearlessness

**“Neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the  
Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
(Rom. 8:39)**



## II. PERFECTED LOVE, 17-19.

Verse 19

**“We love, because He first loved us.”**

# Conclusion

1. Adjust your relationship to God to one of His perfecting His love in your life
2. Submit now to the perfecting of His love in you as you surrender to live in the world just as He would have you live
3. Lay open your heart to the honest acceptance of the love with which He first loved you