

Beloved,
let us love one another
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten of God
and has knowledge of God.

The man without love has known nothing of God,
for God is love.

God's love was revealed in our midst in this way:
he sent his only Son to the world
that we might have life through him.

Love, then, consists in this:
not that we have loved God,
but that he has loves us
and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins.

Beloved,
if God has loved us so,
we must have the same love for one another.

No one has ever seen God.
Yet if we love one another
God dwells in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The way we know we remain in him
and he in us
is that he has given us of his Spirit.

We have seen for ourselves, and can testify,
that the Father has sent the Son as savior of the world.

When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God dwells in him
and he in God.

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

God is love,
and he who abides in love
abides in God
and God in him.

Our love is brought to perfection in this,
that we should have confidence on the day of judgment;
for our relation to this world is just like his.

Love has no room for fear;
rather, perfect love casts out all fear.
And since fear has to do with punishment,
love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid.

We, for our part, love
because he first loved us.

If anyone says, "My love is fixed on God,"
yet hates his brother,
he is a liar.
One who has no love for the brother he has seen
cannot love the God he has not seen.

The commandment we have from him is this:
whoever loved God must also love his brother.