

Love Passages

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus

20:1-6

1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Deuteronomy

10:12-17

¹² "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good? ¹⁴ Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day. ¹⁶ Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God.

11:1

"Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.

11:13-14

¹³ "And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹⁴ then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, because the LORD your God loves you.

12:5

30:14-20

¹⁴ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. ¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live: ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Joshua

22:5-6

⁵ But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁶ So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

23:10-11

One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you. ¹¹ Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God.

Judges

5:31

“Thus let all Your enemies perish, O LORD!
But *let* those who love Him *be* like the sun

Psalms

2:12

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish in the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

11:7

For the LORD is righteous,
He loves righteousness;
His countenance beholds the upright.

18:1-2

¹ I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

26:3

³ For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,
And I have walked in Your truth.

27:8

⁸ When You said, “Seek My face,”
My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”

31:32

²³ Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints!
For the LORD preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.

36:7

⁷ How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

36:10

¹⁰ Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,
And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

51:1

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.

60:5

⁵ That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

63:3

³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise You.

69:16

¹⁶ Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;
Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

69:36

³⁶ Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it,
And those who love His name shall dwell in it.

73:25

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

89:26

²⁶ He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.’

- 91:14-16 ★ 14 “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.
15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I *will be* with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.”
- 92:2 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night,
- 103:4 4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
- 107:43 43 Whoever *is* wise will observe these *things*,
And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.
- 108:6 6 That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save *with* Your right hand, and hear me.
- 116:1 1 I love the LORD, because He has heard
My voice *and* my supplications.
- 119:132 132 Look upon me and be merciful to me,
As Your custom *is* toward those who love Your name.
- 119:159-160 159 Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.
160 The entirety of Your word *is* truth,
And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.
- 145:20 20 The LORD preserves all who love Him,
But all the *wicked* He will destroy.
- 146:8 8 The LORD opens *the eyes of the blind*;
The LORD raises those who are bowed down;
The LORD loves the righteous.

Proverbs

- 8:17 ★ I love those who love me.
And those who seek me diligently will find me.
- 8:21 ★ That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth.
That I may fill their treasuries.
- 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But love covers all sins.
- 15:9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD.
But He loves him who follows righteousness.
- 20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king.
And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

Isaiah

- 5:1 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved
A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:
My Well-beloved has a vineyard
On a very fruitful hill.

43:4 Since you were precious in My sight,
 You have been honored,
And I have loved you:
 Therefore I will give men for you,
 And people for your life.

56:6 “Also the sons of the foreigner
 Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him,
 And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—
Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath,
And holds fast My covenant—

Jeremiah

2:1 ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ² “Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD:
“I remember you.
The kindness of your youth,
The love of your betrothal,
When you went after Me in the wilderness.
 In a land not sown.

31:3-4 ³ The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying:*
“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.
⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt,
O virgin of Israel!
 You shall again be adorned with your tambourines,
 And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.

Daniel

9:1-5 ¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— ² in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. ³ Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. ⁴ And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments. ⁵ we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

Hosea

2:19-20 ¹⁹ “I will betroth you to Me forever;
Yes, I will betroth you to Me
 In righteousness and justice,
 In lovingkindness and mercy;
²⁰ I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness.
And you shall know the LORD.

11:4

⁴ I drew them with gentle cords.
With bands of love.
And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck.
I stooped *and* fed them.

Zephaniah

3:17

¹⁷ The LORD your God in your midst.
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness.
He will quiet *you* with His love.
He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Malachi

1:2-3

² “I have loved you.” says the LORD.

“Yet you say, ‘In what way have You loved us?’
Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?’
Says the LORD.

“Yet Jacob I have loved;

³ But Esau I have hated.

And laid waste his mountains and his heritage
For the jackals of the wilderness.”

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Matthew

5:43-48

Love Your Enemies

43 "You have heard that it was said, '*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*' **44** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so? **48** Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

22:34-40

The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35** Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, **36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

- ★ **37** 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.' **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Mark

10:21

21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

12:28-31

The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?

28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

- ★ **29** Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.' **30** And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. **31** And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Luke

6:27-38

Love Your Enemies

- ★ **27** "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. **28** bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. **29** To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic either. **30** Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask *them* back. **31** And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

32 "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

10:25-28 37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

John

3:16-17 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. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

10:27-30 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

11:35-36 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

13:1 1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

13:34 ★ 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

14:15-18 Jesus Promises Another Helper

★ 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

14:21-24 ★ 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."
22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

- ★ **23** Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. **24** He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.
- 14:23-24 **23** Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. **24** He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.
- 14:31 **31** But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.
- 15:9-17 Love and Joy Perfected
- ★ **9** “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you: abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.
 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that*
- ★ your joy may be full. **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. **14** You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. **17** These things I command you, that you love one another.
- ★ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.
- 16:27
- 17:20-26 Jesus Prays for All Believers
- 20** “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. **22** And the glory which
- ★ You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: **23** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
- 24** “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. **26** And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”
- 19:25-27 Behold Your Mother
- 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” 27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.
- 21:15-19 Jesus Restores Peter
- 15** So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?”
 He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”
 He said to him, “Feed My lambs.”

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son of Jonah*, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son of Jonah*, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. 18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry *you* where you do not wish." 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

Romans

- 5:5 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.
- 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
- 8:35-39 **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

*"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

- 12:9-18 **37** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. **38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men
- 13:8-10 Love Your Neighbor **8** Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "*You shall not commit adultery,*" "*You shall not murder,*" "*You shall not steal,*" "*You shall not bear false witness,*" "*You shall not covet,*" and if there is any other yourself." **10** Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
- 15:30 Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me

1 Corinthians

- 2:9 But as it is written:
"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- 8:1-3 1 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he
★ knows nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.
- 13:1 The Greatest Gift
1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
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.
8 Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am
★ known. 13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
- 16:13-14 13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done with love.

2 Corinthians

- 5:12-15 12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.
- 6:18 "I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters.
Says the LORD Almighty."
- 13:11-14 Greetings and Benediction
11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
13 All the saints greet you.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Galatians

- 2:20-21 I have been crucified with Christ: it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”
- 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.
- 5:13-14 **13** For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
- 5:22-23 ★ **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Ephesians

- 2:4-5 **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- 3:19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
- 5:1-2 **1** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Colossians

- 3:12-14 **12** Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. **14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

1 Thessalonians

- 3:12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you
- 4:9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another
- 5:8-10 **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

2 Thessalonians

- 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other
- 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace

1 Timothy

1:5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith

Hebrews

12:5-11 **5** And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

*“My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,
Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;*

***6** For whom the LORD loves He chastens,
And scourges every son whom He receives.”*

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? **8** But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. **9** Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? **10** For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. **11** Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

James

1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

1 Peter

1:6-9 **6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials. **7** that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9** receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart

3:8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous

4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

2 Peter

1:5 **5** But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, **6** to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, **7** to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

1 John

- 2:5 **5** But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
- 2:10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.
- 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 3:10-11 **10** In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another
- 3:14 **14** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.
- 3:16-17 16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?
- 3:18 **18** My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
- 3:23 **23** And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.
- 4:7-11 Knowing God Through Love
7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. **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. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- 4:12-16 Seeing God Through Love
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. **13** By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. **15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **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.
- 4:17-19 The Consummation of Love
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. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **19** We love Him because He first loved us.
- 4:20-21 Obedience by Faith
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?
★ **21** And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

5:1-5 **1** 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. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

2 John

1:4-6

Walk in Christ's Commandments

4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. 5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. **6** This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Revelation

1:5

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

2:4

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

3:9

Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

3:19

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.