

THE MOTIVATION

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God's love:

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

1 John 4:18 — There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

1 John 4:10 — In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 5:8 — But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 1:18 — No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

Other references:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8; John 3:16; John 8:56-59; Exodus 3:14; John 14:8-11

Our response:

Hebrews 6:10 — For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Ephesians 4:15,16 — Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 — For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Timothy 2:8-10 — Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Other references:

Matthew 22:37-40; Ephesians 2:1-3; John 13:34-35; Galatians 2:20; 1 John 3:16
