

# God Is Love

## I John 4:7-8

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There is an old song from Dolly that says, “I will always love you.” The very concept of love is one of the most talked about items in the world today. The Beatles sang about it in the sixties. Their message to a hurt and confused world was, “Love is all you need”.

According to Amazon.com, there are at least 32,507 books currently in print with the word “love” in the title and over 11,000 popular albums/cd’s with “love” in the title. I do not know how true it is, but I heard that there are at least 121,000,000 web-sites that use the word “love” as one of their key words. No matter how you look at it, it is undeniable how important love is to our culture – to any culture really.

With that wealth of info around today, love has become a confusing subject. Whether it is television, the internet, magazines or other sources, it is clear that today we have a very poor understanding of what love is. If you have ever watched the movie “The Green Mile,” the story line was about a man that had used children’s love of each other for his own purposes. If you ask some folk who mistreat their children about what they did, they would say that I “love” my children; however is that really love?

The world uses the word for love in so many different ways, who is to say what love is? The answer is --- God! One of the simplest and yet profound definitions of love is found in 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:8. John, known as the apostle of love, wrote, “God is love”. With this understanding those three little words ought to fill our hearts with warmth and hope. When you know for certain that these words are true it makes all the difference in the world. When the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, we will become what the world really needs and that is a demonstration of true love- God’s Love.