GOD'S MESSAGE OF LOVE



Issa Ministries, Inc.

"God's Message of Love" is a collection of scriptures pertaining to love.

Read these Scriptures and learn what God says about love and what he requires of us as it relates to love. We encourage you to share these scriptures with others and live by them daily.

We pray that God will continue to grant you love, grace, and peace.

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New International Version (NIV)

God Loves Us

¹⁶" For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

The Greatest Commandment is to Love

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

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³² "Well said, teacher,' the man replied. 'You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

³³To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 12:28-33 (NIV)

Jesus Commands Us to Love One Another

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13: 34-35 (NIV)

If You Love Jesus, You Will Obey His Commands

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

²¹Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

John 14: 15, 21 (NIV)

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Remain in Jesus' Love

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15: 9-10 (NIV)

You Are Jesus' Friend if You Love

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15: 12-14 (NIV)

Love is the Most Excellent Way

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

God is Love

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

I John 4:7-8 (NIV)

God showed his love for us

⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

1 John 4: 9-12,16 (NIV)

There is no fear in love

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

I John 4:18 (NIV)

We show our love for God by loving others

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar.

For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

I John 4: 19-21 (NIV)

Love One Another

¹¹This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

¹⁵ Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

1 John 3: 11, 14-15 (NIV)

Love with action not words

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

I John 3:16-18 (NIV)

God commands us to believe and love

²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

²⁴ Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

I John 3:23-24 (NIV)

God's Love is Inseparable

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither 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.

Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NIV)

Live a Life of Love

⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

- ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
- ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position Do not be conceited.
- ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.
- ¹⁸ If it is possible as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
- ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay, "says the Lord.
- ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
- ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12 9-21 (NIV)

Love Your Enemies

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy".

⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

Jesus Requires Us to Love Our Enemies

²⁷ "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them.

³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be

great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:27, 32, 35-36 (NIV)

Love is the Fulfillment of God's Law

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

⁹ The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰ Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13: 8-10 (NIV)

Do Not Love the World

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

Love covers a multitude of sins

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

NOTES

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Issa Ministries, Inc. was established by Dr. Bruce W. Randolph, a Preventive Medicine Physician and an ordained Gospel Minister. He has been practicing medicine and ministering for over 30 years.

Issa Ministries, Inc. derives its name from an African (Swahili) word, Issa ("ee-SAH"), which means "God is our salvation." We believe that God is our salvation. He saves us through his Son, "Isa" (Jesus), the Messiah ("the anointed one").

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- ♦ "God's Message of Love"
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