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# 1 John 4:13-16

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

## 1 John 4:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.

## 1 John 4:20-21

*<sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

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What we believe about God affects  
who we become

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# Fear

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When we know God's love, 2 things will naturally happen

- 1. We will love one another**
- 2. We will obey the commandments**

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## ***How is God revealed?***

John 1:18    **No one has ever seen God.** It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

1 John 4:12    **No one has ever seen God;** if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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# 1 John 5:1-5 OBEDIENCE

*5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> **For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,** <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

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# These big ideas go together

- God's love
  - Children of God
  - Abiding in God
  - Loving one another
  - Obeying the commandments
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## HOW CAN WE OBEY??

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