

**1 John 4.7-21**  
**Why We Should**  
**Love One Another**

# Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## 1 John 4.7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

## 1 John 4.8

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

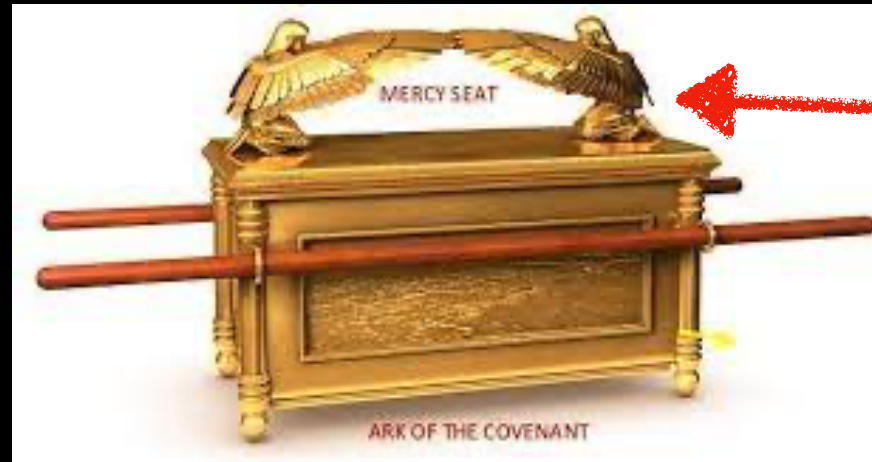
## 1 John 4.9

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.

# Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)



**Mercy Seat**  
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In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation (ἱλασμός) for our sins. 1 John 4.10

## 1 John 4.11

Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one  
another.



## 1 John 4.12

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.

## 1 John 4.13

By this we know that we  
abide in Him, and He in us,  
because He has given us of  
His Spirit.

## 1 John 4.14

And we have seen and testify  
that the Father has sent the  
Son *as* Savior of the world.

## **1 John 4.15**

**Whoever confesses that Jesus  
is the Son of God, God abides  
in him, and he in God.**

## 1 John 4.16

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.

## 1 John 4.17

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.

## 1 John 4.18

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.

# 1 John 4.19

**We love Him because He first loved us.**



## 1 John 4.20

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?

## 1 John 4.21

And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

**Questions?**  
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