


# Perfect *Love* Casts Out Fear (1 John 4:18)





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1 John 4:7 “Beloved, *let us love one another*, for love is from God; and everyone who loves *is born of God and knows God.*”

*“Beloved”* (Agape-toi)  
Esteemed, cherished ones!

*“Let us love* (Agape) one another” (John 13:34;  
Lev 19:18; Gal 5:14; 1 Pet 1:22 *fervently love*)

(IVP) “Our spiritual lineage, as God’s children.”

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**Ignatius said of Gnostics:** “They gave **No** heed to love, caring for the widow, orphan, afflicted, prisoners, hungry or thirsty.” ISBE

*“Gnosticism was distinguished by **unethical, loveless** intellectualism .. Knowledge was supreme and the purpose in life. The system was **loveless to the core.**”* ISBE

1 John 3:17 “Whoever has this world’s goods and beholds his brother in need & closes his heart against him, **how does the love of God abide in him?**”  
(1 John 4:20 says loves God & hates bro is a **liar**)



# GOD is *Love* (1 John 4:8)

**1 John 4:8** "The one who does not love does not know God, for God IS love."

*Love is God's Nature.*

**But not His Only quality: *Light* 1 John 5:4;  
*Spirit* John 4:24; *True* John 3:33; *Eternal* Dt 33:27;  
*Righteous judge* Ps 7:11; *All powerful* Gen 17:1;  
*Compassionate* Ps 116:5; *Fire* Heb 12:29;  
*Is my salvation, my strength & my song* Isa 12:2.**

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1 John 4:9 **By this the love of God was manifested** in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world **so that we might LIVE through Him.**

**John 10:10 I came that they might have life, and might have it **abundantly.****

**1 Tim 6:17 God, who richly supplies us with **all things to enjoy.****

**Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you; **good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over,** they will pour into your lap**



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**1 John 4:10**

***This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us & sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. NIV***

***James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of***  
★ ***breaking all of it. NIV***

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**Luke 7:36 -48 NASB**

**How **Bad** was she?**



**WE were the same  
kind of folks, just  
different sins!**

**Eph 2:1-3**

**1John 4:11 Beloved, if **God so loved us**, we also ought to love one another. NASB** 7



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*1 John 4:12 If we love one another, God lives in us and His **love is made complete** [telios] in us. NIV*

*How did Jesus  
treat **Judas**?*

*How did Jesus treat  
the sinful **woman**?*

*How did Jesus treat the  
lying **Peter**?*

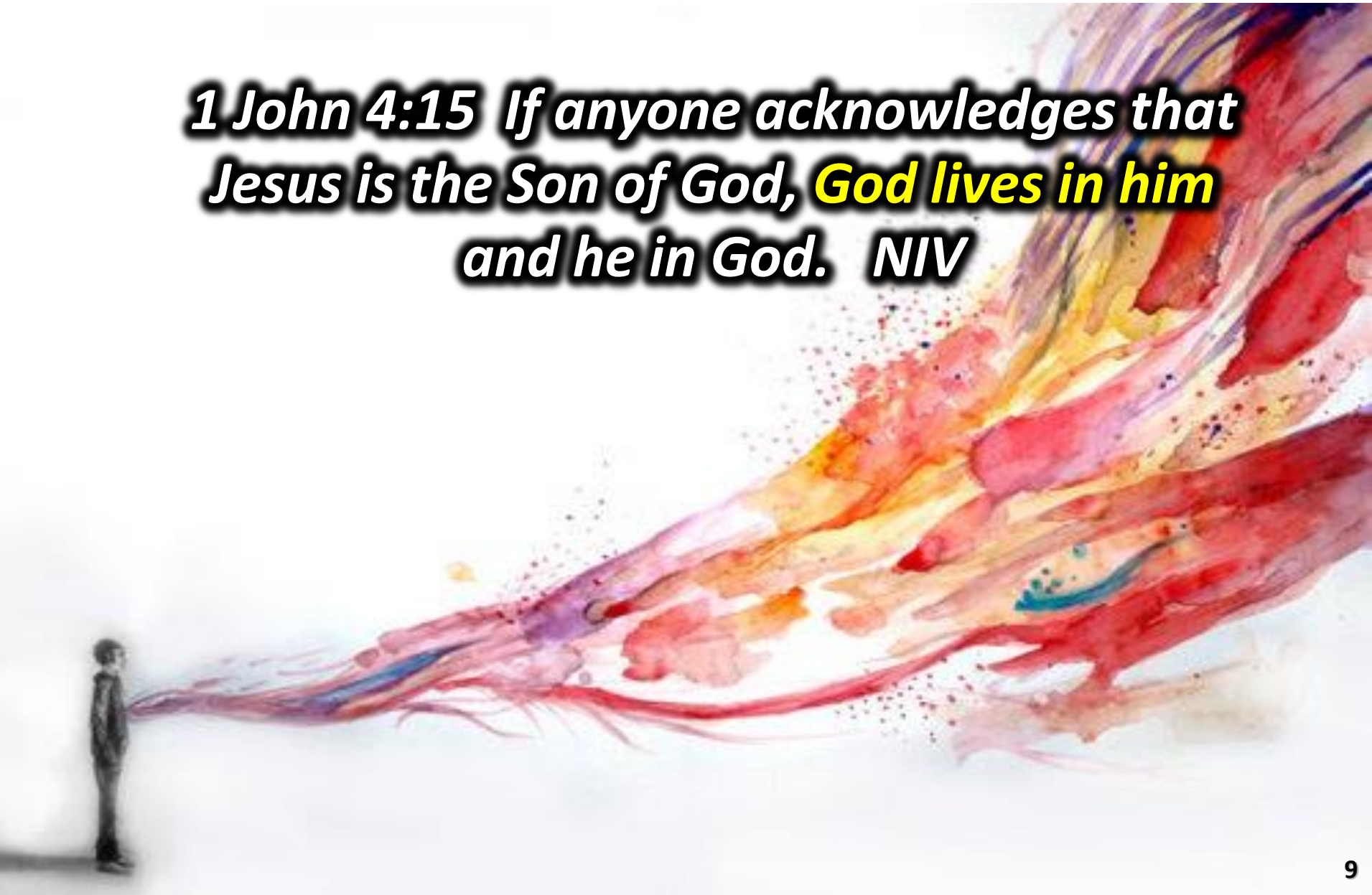
*How did Jesus treat tax  
collector **Matthew**?*

*How did Jesus treat the  
repenting **thief**?*



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***1 John 4:15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. NIV***





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<sup>1</sup> **John 4:17** “In this way, *love is complete* among us so that we will have *confidence on the day of judgment*, because in this world *we are like him.*”



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**1 John 4:18** "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. NIV**

**Belief** gives authority to become children (Jn 1:13)

**Then Repentance** leads to life. (Acts 11:18)

**Next Confess** Jesus as Lord (Rom 10:9)

**Washed clean** in baptism (Acts 22:16)

**No condemnation** in Christ (Rom 8:1)