

# GOD IS LOVE

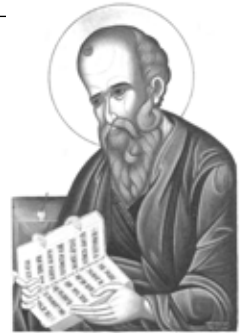
WEEK 4

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## TODAY, A LOOK AT THE BIBLE'S "LOVE BOOK": FIRST JOHN

### THE AUTHOR: THE APOSTLE JOHN

- WROTE MORE OF N.T. THAN ANYONE BUT PAUL
- OUTLIVED ALL OTHER APOSTLES
- NICKNAME: "APOSTLE OF \_\_\_\_\_"
- USED "LOVE" MORE THAN ANY BIBLE WRITER: \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES!
- "LOVE" \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES IN 1 JOHN ALONE!
- **BUT!** FIRST NICKNAME: "SON OF \_\_\_\_\_"



God is love. *1 John 4:8b*

## JOHN WAS TRANSFORMED WHEN HE SAW THAT GOD IS...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

We love because God first loved us. *1 John 4:19* NCV


KEY FOR ME: \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S LOVE

2. \_\_\_\_\_

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. *1 John 4:9* NIV

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. *1 John 4:10* NIV

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3.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us... *1 John 3:1a NIV*

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us...

*1 John 3:1a NKJV*

...that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

*1 John 3:1 NIV*

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

*1 John 4:16 NIV*

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4.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. *1 John 4:11 NIV*

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? *1 John 3:17 NIV*

My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring. *1 John 3:18 NCV*

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### HOW DO I PUT THIS INTO ACTION?

#### ONE WAY: TLC FOOD DRIVE

Let's raise ONE MILLION POUNDS for Second Harvest food bank AND provide food for a group of Somalian refugees FOR A YEAR!

Beginning this weekend, food bins will be at church to collect food donations. Cash donations will be received November 19 & 20.

### BIG IDEA:

This 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 and sisters.

*1 John 3:16*

WE \_\_\_\_\_ AS WE BELIEVE OURSELVES TO BE \_\_\_\_\_

# GOD IS

During these 50 days, we'll use the book, *God Is*, for daily devotions. It's available in the auditorium lobby, or in the TLC office during the week.

DEVOTIONS ARE ALSO ONLINE AT  
[WWW.TLC.ORG/GODIS](http://WWW.TLC.ORG/GODIS)

## A 50-DAY EXPLORATION OF GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

### WEEK 1: GOD IS HOLY

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. *Isaiah 6:3b*

### WEEK 2: GOD IS OMNIPOTENT

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. *Psalms 104:24*

### WEEK 3: GOD IS OMNIPRESENT

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. *Psalms 46:1*

### WEEK 4: GOD IS LOVE

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. *1 John 4:16 NLT*

### WEEK 5: GOD IS OMNISCIENT

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. *Psalms 139:1-2 NLT*

### WEEK 6: GOD IS SOVEREIGN

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. *Romans 8:28*

### WEEK 7: GOD IS IMMUTABLE

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. *James 1:17*



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