



**GOD  
IS  
LOVE**

1 JOHN 4:16 ESV

# 1 Corinthians 2

- 1And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about.
- 4My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

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# 1 Corinthians 2

- **11** For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God. (ASV)
- **10** But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

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# John 14

- 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”
- 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

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# Romans 1

- **18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

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# Hebrews 1

- 1In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

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## How to Read T.F. Torrance, E. Colyer

- “... we cannot know God in a godly or accurate way through independent natural theology on the basis of the Creator-creature relation ... we have to develop what we think and say about God in light of God’s nature as it comes into view in God’s actual self-revelation.” p. 133

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## How to Read T.F. Torrance, E. Colyer

- “This means that if we are to know God in a precise and scientific way in accordance with God’s nature, we must somehow share in God’s knowledge of himself yet within the creaturely conditions of our earthly historical existence.” p. 134

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## How to Read T.F. Torrance, E. Colyer

- “To know God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son is to know God in an accurate way.” p. 128
- “... God has actually revealed himself through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit.” p. 131

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# 1 John 4

- 7 Dear 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.

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# Dangers of “Love is God” concept:

- **1 John 1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: **God is light**; in him there is no darkness at all.
- Worship Light; Worship Love
- Love is before God; greater than God
- Love controls God – God Himself is not loving; something external is forcing God to love – could give rise to the possibility that God could decide to stop loving us.
- Who defines Love?

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LOVE ≠ GOD

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What does it mean?

