

# 1 John 4:7

by John Gill

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*The sermon emphasizes the necessity of loving one another as a reflection of God's love and evidence of true faith.*

**Scripture:** John 13:34, 1 John 4:7

**Topics:** "Brotherly Love", "Evidence of Regeneration"

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## Description

John Gill emphasizes the importance of brotherly love as a command from God, urging believers to love one another in the face of false teachings. He explains that love is a gift from God, a fruit of the Spirit, and a sign of true regeneration. Those who love demonstrate their knowledge of God and their relationship with Christ, as love for the brethren reflects the grace they have received. Gill encourages the faithful to stand united in truth and love, opposing errors with the strength of their shared faith.

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## Transcript

Ver. 7. Beloved, let us love one another,.... The apostle having finished what he proposed to say concerning the trying of spirits, returns to his former exhortation to brotherly love, and which comes with fresh force and strength; for since worldly men follow, hear, embrace, and cleave to the false teachers; such as are of God, and on the side of truth, should love one another, and their faithful ministers, and stand fast in one spirit by the truths of the Gospel, in opposition to every error:

for love is of God: to love one another is the command of God, it is his revealed will, and is well pleasing in his sight; it comes from him, is a gift of his grace, and a fruit of his Spirit, and which he teaches regenerate ones to exercise:

and everyone that loveth God, as the Alexandrian copy reads, or Christ, and the saints, who seem to be particularly meant:

is born of God; for love to the brethren is an evidence of regeneration; See Gill on "1Jo 3:14";

and knoweth God; he knows God in Christ, and therefore loves those who have the grace of God in them, and the image of Christ upon them; he knows the mind and will of God, being taught of God to love the brethren; and he knows the love of God, and has had an experience of the grace of God, which influences him to love the saints.

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