

Love Made Him Do It!

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1 Peter 1:22 *See that ye love one another*
Acts 1:8 *Ye shall receive power, after*
Jn 6:29 *This is above all that God requires*
Ephesians 5:2 *walk in love, as Christ also*
Luke 22:32 *I have prayed for you,*

1 Love makes us do the best for those we love—from the minute we get up in the morning, love is the motivator.

2 Love has us do whatever needs to be done for the loved ones in our household, in our church, and with our circle of friends.

3 *Love ye one another* is said *four* times in John's gospel, and *four more* times in 1 Thessalonians 4:9, 1 Peter 3:8, & 1 John 3:11—and with 1 Peter 1:22 saying

4 *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."*

5 Jesus left Heaven to visit earth because of His deep *love* for everyone *in* the world. He came because He is the only One who could save our soul from the coming wrath.

6 AV John 13:1 *"When Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."*

7 That is the *example* He set us and the *command* He gave us—it was the greatest act of unconditional love ever shown.

8 Love made Jesus *take* our place and *give* His life to provide a way into Heaven. The resurrection of Jesus makes it all possible and it impacted everything the apostle did from then on.

9 The apostle added: AV 1 Corinthians 15:13 *"If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."*

10 Our *faith* should not be in *vain* nor ever on the wrong *source*.

11 Jesus always *showed* us the *love* He has for the world—and *that* same love is what *we* are to show toward everyone here on earth.

12 If we have God's *love* in our heart, we will want to *do* kind things for others; and we will want to help them however God enables us to help—with no attention to ourselves—none!

13 Those who had *seen* and *talked* and *walked* with the risen Savior knew there would be no turning back after that but only going forward in love toward everyone.

14 They knew that now they must be faithful to the new commandment He gave then—NKJV John 13:34 *"That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."*

15 The Lord's plan is to always act from love, which is possible because the gift of His Spirit a freely given to all who believe.

16 Love is the *key* to spending eternity with Jesus in Paradise, and acting in love makes the divine plan of God *visible* for the world to *see* and *emulate*.

17 Jesus gave instructions to the disciples—AV Acts 1:8 *"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

18 When there is *love* in our heart and we do things for others *because* of that love, we are witnesses to the gospel truth Jesus gave us.

19 Having His Spirit within fulfills His promise to *never* leave us alone. And although we can *feel* alone at times—we are *never* really alone because His Spirit is *in* us and *with* us—alway(s).

20 Even with these promises in our heart, the devil tries to get us to walk away from the path of love toward others.

21 Love motivated the Savior to come live with us, and now love must motivate us to love others in whatever way we can do that. It is the Master's call to —*Come, follow Me*, in faith, in humility, and always in **love**.

22 Jesus ascended visibly into Heaven while the faithful watched. AV Acts 1:10 *"And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

23 11 *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."*

24 Jesus' work on earth, motivated by His love for everyone in the world, was now finished, so He returns to Heaven.

25 He did all that the Father wanted Him to do—He *gave* His life and *shed* His Blood for everyone on earth. Every sin ever committed has been *paid for in full*!

26 The question—*What* will the world *do* with that information! And time has spoken—they

will *ignore*, *reject*, or *question* what He did for them.

27 They will *not believe* in the resurrection of Jesus; they will *not accept* what God has written; they will *not live* by faith in what Jesus taught.

28 When the *love of God* is in our heart—it is visible and audible to those in the home, at work, on the playing field, attending school, and at gatherings with friends. *What's in our heart* is easily seen and heard by others.

29 Love makes us do thoughtful things for others—kindnesses that have more impact on them than anything we say in words.

30 Everyone wants to be *treated* with kindness—so we should treat *everyone* with the same consideration that *we* want to be shown.

31 Jesus told us to *live* that way and to *retain* that attitude. Love made Him come to earth and pay our debt for sins.

32 We must believe in Him because it is the *one requirement* to enter His Kingdom—WEY **John 6:29** “*This is above all the thing that God requires—that you should be believers in Him whom He has sent.*”

33 Now that He was *sent*, we now have a *choice* to *believe* and *accept* the gift of His Spirit or to reject Him.

34 Having God's Spirit within means having and showing His *love* toward everyone. Love is the great *motivator* and the *attitude changer*. Without love *we are nothing* 1 Corinthians 13:2.

35 Love made Jesus *do* what no one else *could* do—and love makes *us do* things for people that others may *not do*.

36 Love motivates us to do kind things for our children, our family, friends, and anyone else. Love in our heart changes our *attitude*, and a changed *attitude* can change our *direction* toward Heaven.

37 We can let ourselves be upset over many things today, but Jesus said NKJV **John 14:1** “*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.*”

38 *In My Father's house are many mansions; and I go to prepare a place for you.* Then **3** “*I will come again and receive you to Myself.*”

39 Having *Love in our heart* has us walk in step with the Savior—AV **Ephesians 5:1** “*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*

40 *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God.*”

41 When we are willing to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and we also believe on the power that is in back of His *name*, we become a *child of God*.

42 AV **John 1:12** “*As many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.*”

43 If we are *children of the Father* we will have His love in our heart toward people. His love enables us to do things that give witness of His Spirit within and motivating us to do kind and considerate things whenever we have that opportunity.

44 NKJV **John 13:34** “*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*”

45 **35** *By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*”

46 With the love of Christ in our heart, everyone with whom we have contact, will feel at ease and comfortable by how we *treat* them and by the way we talk to them.

47 The self-test is: What do we say about someone when they are not present?

48 Jesus always spoke the *truth in love*—He never said *one* thing and meant *another*.

49 He never embarrassed those around Him—and He always made the *lonely* or *forgotten*

person feel like a *wanted* and *valued* individual. He *encouraged* the *discouraged* and *helped* the *hurting* with words of *forgiveness* and *compassion*.

50 Love not only thinks about the *feelings* of others but thinks about their *reputation* as well. We always want others to treat us in that way.

51 Divine love places *our* wants in the *back* and the *other* person's needs at the *front*. Love *takes* the time to *be kind* and to see the good side.

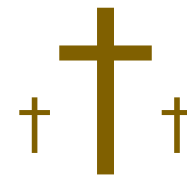
52 Anyone can *change*; anyone can *choose*; and anyone can act in a kind and considerate manner as God is always present to help us.

53 We have to be ready to forget what may have happened and to move forward in forgiveness, acceptance, and love.

54 Jesus was always ready to *forgive* when anyone was willing to *repent*!

55 One *look*, a second *chance*, and a never-ending *promise*—NIV **Luke 22:32** “*I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.*”

56 Love made Jesus say that!



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