

This is what Love is

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[1 John 3:16a](#)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

The cross...

1. WAS INTENTIONALLY EMBRACED BY CHRIST

[Matt 20:18-19](#)

18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

[Matt 26:27-29](#)

27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

[Luke 22:42](#)

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

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2. IS THE PERFECT REVELATION OF LOVE

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[John 3:16](#)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

[Rom 8:32](#)

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all —

[Eph 2:4-5](#)

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.

The cross...

3. ACCOMPLISHED ALL CHRIST INTENDED FOR OUR SAKE

[John 19:30](#)

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.