

## Daily Meditations

Daily Bible readings for reflection on Sunday's topic.

### Suggested memory verse for the week:

"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)*

### Monday

Please read Exodus 34:1-9.

### Tuesday

Please read John 1:1-18.

### Wednesday

Please read John 3:1-17.

### Thursday

Please read 1 John 4:7-21.

### Friday

Please read Ephesians 3:14-21.

### Saturday

Please read 1 John 3:11-20.

# GOD IS...

Message by Rick McRostie on Sunday, July 28, 2019

## Love

### The Apostle John:

**He was one of the original 12 disciples called by Jesus**

**He is the second most prolific writer in the New Testament behind Paul**

**Outlived all other apostles**

**Nickname: the "apostle of \_\_\_\_\_"**

**Used the word "love" more than any other author in the Bible: \_\_\_\_\_ times!**

**"love" \_\_\_\_\_ times in 1 John alone!**

**He and his brother James were given the nickname: "sons of \_\_\_\_\_"**

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

**John was transformed when he saw that God's love is...**

**1. An \_\_\_\_\_**

*"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19*

**Key for me: \_\_\_\_\_ God's Love**



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## 2. A \_\_\_\_\_

“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. 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 4:9-10*

**Key for me:** \_\_\_\_\_ **God’s Love**

## 3. A \_\_\_\_\_

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

“...that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”  
*1 John 3:1b*

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.”  
*1 John 4:16*

**Key for me:** \_\_\_\_\_ **God’s Love**

## 4. A \_\_\_\_\_

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

“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*

“My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.”

*1 John 3:18 (NCV)*

**Key for me:** \_\_\_\_\_ **God’s Love**

## THE 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** \_\_\_\_\_