

A LOVE THAT MOVES TOWARD US

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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. 9 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. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

➤ God is love. (v. 8)

love = agape (Greek) = selfless, sacrificial, unconditional, love in its purest and highest form, to will the good of the other

➤ God set His love on us. (v. 9)

➤ Loving others with Advent-love makes the invisible, visible. (v. 12)

“Love requires getting mixed up with people. We’re going to spend a lot of our lives mixed up anyway. Why not do it together?”
— Mike Mason