

SOLVING THE BLACKOUT



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1 John 4:7-8



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.



Why Should We Care?



John 13:34-35 (NIV)



³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



Galatians 5:6 (NIV)

⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

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Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)



²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.



Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.



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Luke 9:23 (NIV)



²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.



1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.



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Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV) 🐼

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 🐼

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