

## Four Requirements of Love

1 John 3:16, 4:7-18  
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### Introduction:

1. Valentine's Day. Too late now guys!
2. A day set aside to celebrate love. Primarily between a man and a woman.
3. However, love is something that requires more than just a day. True love should be celebrated every day.
4. As Christians we should not only celebrate the love God has allowed us with our mate, but also the love between Him and us.
5. Today, look at four requirements of love from both perspectives.

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### I. Love Requires Commitment (1 John 3:16)

- A. To us
  - a. From God
  - b. From others
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  - a. To God
  - b. To others

### II. Love Requires Investment (1 John 4:7-11)

- A. To getting to know the one we love
- B. God invested the life of His Son
- C. We must invest our lives in others (our mate)

### III. Love Requires Communication (1 John 4:19)

- A. God communicated His love to us
- B. We must communicate our love for Him
- C. We must communicate our love for others

### IV. Love Rewards Constantly (1 John 4:17-18)

- A. With boldness
  - a. In the perfect love of Christ
- B. Fearlessness

### Conclusion:

1. Meeting the requirements of love takes work.
2. However, if we truly love someone then we will be more than willing to roll our sleeves up and get busy.
3. Today, make a vow to renew your commitment to love God and your spouse. Vow to invest yourself like never before in God and your spouse. Vow to communicate your love for God and your love for your spouse like never before. And vow to reap the rewards of God's love to us as we love our spouses.