For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8
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"Longing for Love"

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"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread." – Mother Teresa

Love is not a _____.
Love is not envious, boastful, arrogant, _____, irritable, or resentful.
Love is not "_____ _____ _____."
Love is "_____ _____ _____!"
Love does what is _____ for the other.

What Does the Bible Say about Love?

Love is _____ God. 1 John 4:7
Love begins and ends in God because God _____ love. 1 John 4:8
God's love is revealed through _____. 1 John 4:9
The point is not _____ love for God but God's love for us. 4:10
We authenticate we know God by loving _____ _____. 4:11
Love is _____, kind, content, and humble. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6
Love _____: it bears, believes, hopes, and endures. 1 Cor. 13:7
Love never _____**.** 1 Cor. 13:8
We are to _____ love. 1 Corinthians 14:1

"Love…is not only 'the first and great' command, but all the commandments in one." – John Wesley

What Love Does: Love _____. John 3:16
Love does not _____ but sends to *sozo,* to _____/protect. 3:17

"It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict,
God's job to judge and my job to love." – Billy Graham

What Love Looks Like: Luke 15:1-7
God's heart _____ those who lack the ability to find him!
God's divine concern is for the _____. 15:8-10
God accepts and _____ those who rebel and return. 15:11-24

"We must understand that God does not 'love' us without liking us – through gritted teeth – as 'Christian' love is sometimes thought to do." – Dallas Willard

Action Step: Every precious gift awaits a **response**.
What action will you take this week to respond to God's love for you?