



***I John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.***

*This photo of a LOVE sign was taken near Christmas in Tokyo. This scene reminds us of God's awesome love towards us, as stated in 1 John 4:10. As Christmas is approaching, let us ponder this verse and appreciate what God has done for us.*

- 1. Not that we loved God — God loved us not because we loved Him first. Loving Him first was not the condition. In fact, our love towards God is minimal in comparison to His agape love towards us.*
- 2. God loved us by sending His son — Jesus is God's beloved son and was sent to die for us. God is righteous and can't accept sin. His son died for us as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*
- 3. Respond to God's love — let us remember to love God back in every moment. Loving God is an appreciation of His unfailing love, but it is also His command to us. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. Loving God includes loving other people, like sharing the Great News, obeying God's commands, and doing good deeds like caring for the poor and sick. There are many ways you can love God, and He is very pleased with that.*

