

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

**1 John 4:20-5:5**

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God has provided clear guidance  
about how to respond to His love.

### I. We respond to God's love through belief in Jesus as His Son.

- John presents the response to God's love with a cord of 3 strands.  
**1 John 5:1-2; 3:22-23; 4:1; 2:19**
- We cannot respond properly to God's love if we deny His basic expression of love.  
**John 3:16**

### II. We respond to God's love through love of Him and of others.

- John frequently writes about love in his Gospel and his letters.  
**1 John 2:10; John 13:34; 1 John 3:11; 4:7-12**

- Today, many people would say that love is the only response that counts.  
**1 John 5:1-5; 2:29**

### III. We respond to God's love through obedience.

- Israel lacked faith and love, but the most obvious failing was their lack of obedience.  
**1 John 2:3-6; 3:10**
- Many people claim "spirituality" or a "connection" with God, but without submission to his commandments.  
**1 John 4:20-21; 5:2**

*Any faithful response to God starts  
with the recognition of His love for us.*