



Introduction

How to test false ideas and the importance of showing love.



Questions

1. How are John's readers to decide if an idea (spirit) is of God or not?
2. How has God shown that he loves us?
3. What does John say about love being made perfect amongst us?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** Believers are encouraged to test ideas or spirits, to know whether or not they are from God
- **v 7 to 12** We should love one another because God's love (see theme) enables us to have our sins forgiven through his Son
- **v 13 to 21** If we remain in God's love we need not fear the judgement. But we must show our love to one another

Timeline 60 AD (see below)



Theme

God is a loving God

A selection of verses showing how God extends his love to people.

When God shows his character to Moses his loving attributes are mentioned first:

Exodus 34 verses 5 and 6

God shows his love to his chosen people Israel:

Isaiah 63 verses 7 to 9

God warns against worshipping other gods and shows love to those who obey him:

Exodus 20 verses 5 and 6

God corrects those who love him:

Proverbs 3 verses 11 and 12

God's great love is shown to us in his plan to give us the hope of a long-term future:

John 3 verse 16

Ephesians 2 verses 4 to 8

Those who keep Christ's commands will be loved by God and Christ:

John 14 verse 21



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 3, Q 2: v 9, Q 3: v 17 to 19



Bible timeline

