



The Love and Respect from Man God Deserves [1 John 4:7-11] by [John T Polk II](#)

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Introduction:

1. **1 John** holds up Christ in a Christian's life.
2. Christian liars are defined: **1 John 2:4, 22; 4:20**
3. Also those who hate their brethren **1 John 2:9-11; 3:15; 4:20**
4. "God is love" is an attractive doctrine, but often ignored.
5. **Romans 3:18** - "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Discussion: (Bible outlined in 1 verse [see CHARTS]: **Hebrews 11:6**)

- I. **Hebrews 11:6** - "That He Is" **1 John 4:8** = "God is love"
 - A. Begin at Creation
 1. **Genesis 1:1** - 1st Cause = "The Power" / Heb. *Elohim*
 2. **Genesis 1:2 - 2:6** - Master Designer NO "millions of years" **Romans 1:25**
 3. **Acts 14:15 - 17** - "the living God," "witness" in seasons
 - B. **Romans 1:18-21** - "they are without excuse"
 1. **Acts 17:27-28** - "He is not far from each one of us"
 2. **Titus 1:15-16** - "profess to know God, but in works they deny Him"
 - C. Don't Make God Prove Who He Is! **Exodus 5:2 - 14:18**
 1. Pharaoh "who did not know Joseph" **Exodus 1:6, 8**
 2. Record of Joseph in **Genesis 37-50**
 3. "And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD" **Exodus 7:5,17** (1st water to blood), **8:22** (4th flies); **10:2** (8th locusts); **12:12** (10th death of firstborn); **14:4, 18** (annihilation of Egyptian army)
 4. History is littered with the ruins of disbelievers
 - D. There is NO "face-to-face" with God **1 John 4:12**
 1. Moses **Exodus 3:5-6; 34:8**
 2. Joshua **Joshua 5:13-15**
 3. John **Revelation 1:9-17; 22:8-9**
 4. Everyone **Romans 14:10-12; Matthew 7:21-23**
- II. "He Is a Rewarder" **Hebrews 11:6**
 - A. Begin at the Cross **1 John 4:9-11**
 1. Power **1 Corinthians 1:17-18**
 2. Design **Ephesians 2:14; Colossians 1:20**
 3. Effect **Galatians 6:14**

4. Attraction
 - a. **John 12:32-33** - "will draw all"
 - b. **Philippians 2:8** - "humbled and obedient"
 - c. **Hebrews 12:2** - "the joy"

- B. God FIRST Loved Us **1 John 4:19**
 1. **1 John 4:9-12** – He went FIRST to get our attention
 2. **Romans 5:8** - "while we were still sinners"
 3. Paul's "resume" included **Galatians 1:13**

- C. No Excuse for Refusing to Come to Cross
 1. **Galatians 2:21** – Died in vain if "saved by Decalog"
 2. **Hebrews 6:4-6** - Once saved, then reject Jesus
 3. **1 John 4:20-21** - Refusing to show love to brethren
 4. **Acts 9:1, 5** - "against the disciples"="persecuting Me"

- D. **Luke 7:36-50** - Is YOUR heart broken because of YOUR sin?

Conclusion:

1. Do you believe God lives and loves?
2. The created world proves God is, worldliness proves the need for God's love.
3. ILLUSTRATION: Boy with kite out of sight – man asked, "How do you know it's up there?" Boy- "I feel it pulling at me."
WE KNOW GOD IS IN HEAVEN BECAUSE WE FEEL HIM PULLING AT US THROUGH THE CROSS! ARE YOU HOLDING YOUR SIDE OF JESUS' CROSS?
4. **MARK 16:15-16**

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