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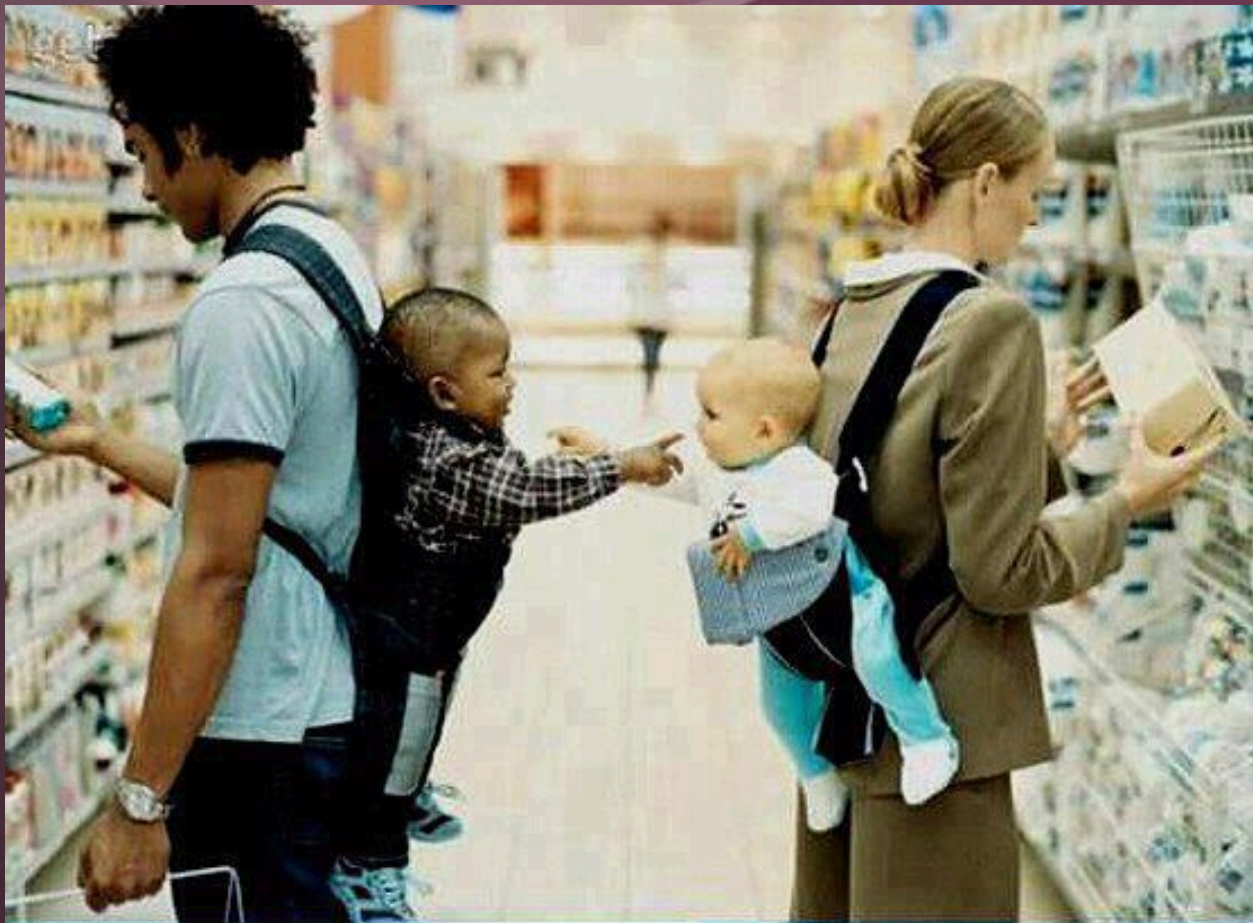
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# LOVE ORIGINATES IN GOD

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*No one is born with  
hatred or intolerance*

## 5 General Observations of Man's Love

Man's love is ***conditioned*** by sin.

Man's love is ***consumer*** driven.

Man's love ***changes*** with the wind.

Man's love is ***condemned***.

Man's love is ***cray-cray!***

# GOD IS LOVE

God is love means that God continually gives of Himself to others and seeks their benefit.

# GOD IS INDEPENDENT

God is self-contained, self-sufficient, and self-satisfied.

**Acts 17:24-25:** <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.



# GOD IS HOLY

"God's holiness is what separates Him from all other beings, what makes Him separate and distinct from everything else. God's holiness is more than just His perfection or sinless purity; it is the essence of His "other-ness," His transcendence. God's holiness embodies the mystery of His awesomeness and causes us to gaze in wonder at Him as we begin to comprehend just a little of His majesty." -RC Sproul

**Isaiah 6:3:** And one called to another and said:  
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth  
is full of his glory!"

# GOD IS UNCHANGING

God is unchangeable in His being, perfection and promises.

**James 1:17:** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

# GOD IS INFINITE

God has no limit to His power, presence, knowledge.

**Ephesians 2:4:** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

*God's love is supremely expressed in the  
sacrificial sending of His Son.*

# MANIFEST IN JESUS

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"God hath taken a marvelous way to manifest His love. When He would show His power, He makes a world. When He would display His wisdom, He puts it in a frame and form that discovers its vastness. When He would manifest the grandeur and glory of His name, He makes a heaven, and puts angels and archangels, principalities and powers therein. And when He would manifest His love, what will He not do? God hath taken a great and marvelous way of manifesting it in Christ: His person, His blood, His death, His righteousness." -Ralph Erskine

**Ephesians 1:4-6:** <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

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