"The Love of God"

1 John 5:1-3 and Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

All believers share the same attitude toward God:
1) Reverential Fear of God (Respect) and 2) Agape Love for God.

> Fearing God comes before Loving God. It is our respect (reverential fear) for God and His Word that motivates us to listen to Him and when we listen to Him, we learn of His amazing grace which is rooted in his love (Eph. 2:4-5). It's then our knowledge of His love for us that motivates us to love Him in return. *1John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.*
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> Just as Fearing God is the Key to attaining His Wisdom *(Prov.9:10)*, Loving God is the Key to Obeying His Wisdom. The whole of the Law hangs on the command of Love, because Love is the secret to obeying every aspect of God's Law that applies to us (*Matthew 22:37-40).*

*** How do I know I love God?**
Answer: See: 1 John 5:1-3

I. ***You know you love God when you…***
LOVE HIS CHILDREN (v.1)

II. ***You know you love God when you…***
OBEY HIS COMMANDS (v.2-3)

A. Your love for God gives you the incentive to obey Him <u>CONSCIENTIOUSLY</u>

B. Your love for God gives you the drive to obey Him <u>CONTINUALLY</u>

C. Your love for God gives you the attitude to obey Him <u>CHEERFULLY</u>