

## Scripture Readings

*The first New Testament Scripture reading is received from **1<sup>st</sup> John chapter 4, verses 7-12**, which can be found on page **308** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God. Everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God, <sup>8</sup> but the unloving know nothing of God. <sup>9</sup> For God is love; and his love was disclosed to us in this, that he sent his only Son into the world to bring us life. <sup>10</sup> The love I speak of is not our love for God, but the love he showed to us in sending his Son as the remedy for the defilement of our sins. <sup>11</sup> If God thus loved us, dear friends, we in turn are bound to love one another. <sup>12</sup> Though God has never been seen by any man, God himself dwells in us if we love one another; his love is brought to perfection within us.

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*The second New Testament Scripture reading is received from **John** chapter **15**, verses **1-8**, which can be found on page **133** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

<sup>1</sup> 'I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> Every barren branch of mine he cuts away; and every fruiting branch he cleans, to make it more fruitful still. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I spoke to you. <sup>4</sup> Dwell in me, as I in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself, but only if it remains united with the vine; no more can you bear fruit, unless you remain united with me. <sup>5</sup> 'I am the vine, and you the branches. He who dwells in me, as I dwell in him, bears much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> He who does not dwell in me is thrown away like a withered branch. The withered branches are heaped together, thrown on the fire, and burnt. <sup>7</sup> 'If you dwell in me, and my words dwell in you, ask what you will, and you shall have it. <sup>8</sup> This is my Father's glory, that you may bear fruit in plenty and so be my disciples.

*May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.*