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1 John 4:19,

“We love Him because He first loved us.”

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**The emphasis here is that it is the divine initiative of love that is the basis for the believer's love.**

**2. The “We” therefore does not mean “we Christians” or “we human beings” but “we apostles as spiritually mature believers”.**

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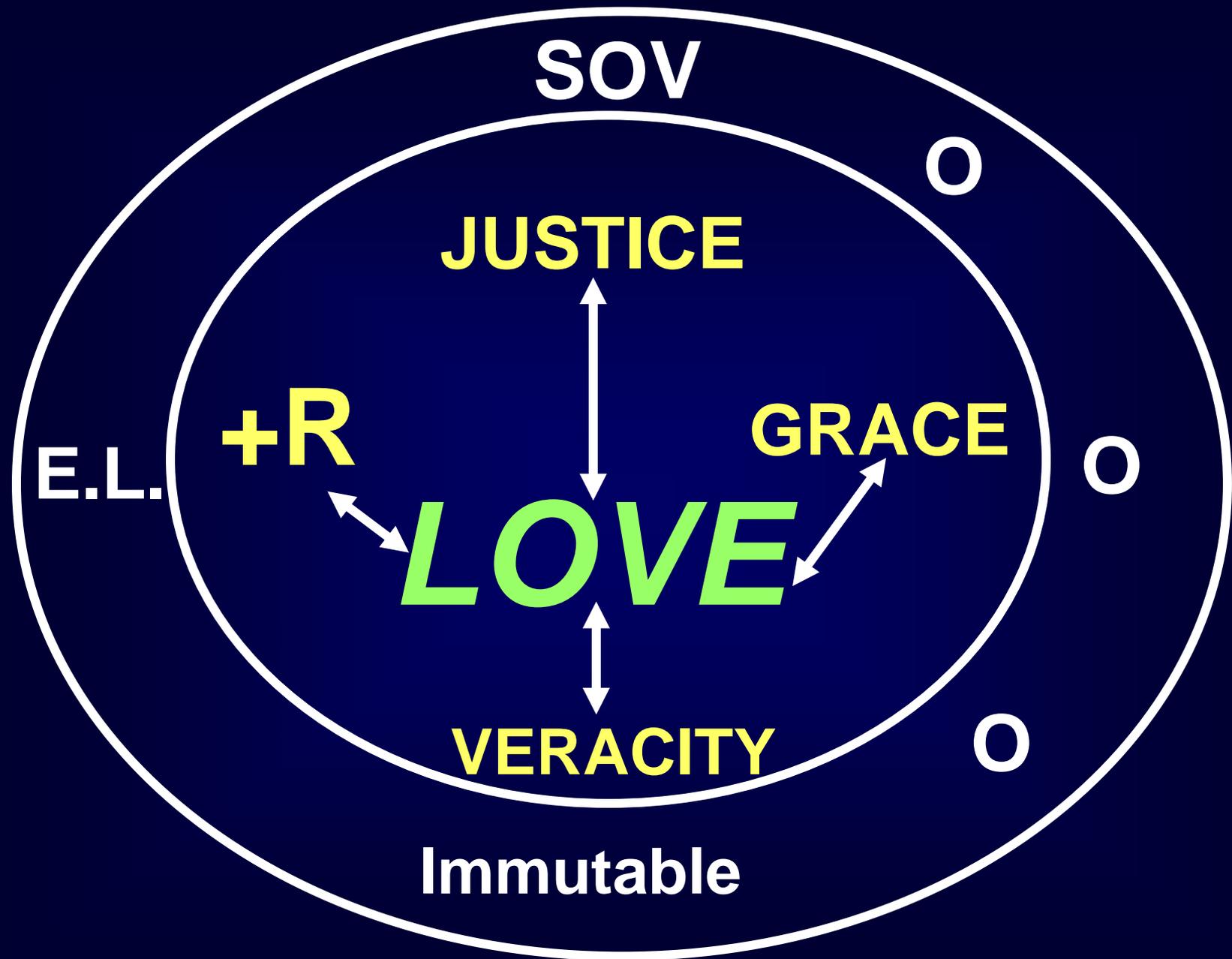
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**1 John 4:20, “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.”**

**1. Love for God is characterized by doctrinal orientation and consistent application of doctrine.**

**1 John 2:5, “but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:”**

**1 John 5:2, “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.”**

**1 John 5:3, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”**

**2. You can't apply what you don't know, and you can't know His Word without making that a priority.**

**3. When you love someone you want to please them.**

**4. When we love God we please Him by applying His Word.**

**5. Personal Love for God (PLG) is characterized by helping another believer when we have the ability to do so.**

**John 3:17, “But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?”**

**Love for God is incompatible with  
hate for another believer.**

**1 John 2:9, “He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.”**

**1 John 2:11, “But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”**

**1 John 1:6, “If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.”**

**1 John 3:17, “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?”**

**1 John 4:12, “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is made complete in us.”**

**1 John 4:21, “And this  
commandment we have from Him,  
that the one who loves God should  
love his brother also.”**