

1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers (*NIV*).

There is no Trinitarian inference in the above verse or in 1 John 3:16 as it is translated in most versions. However, the *King James Version* reads as if “God” laid His life down for us. It reads: “Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.” The problem is caused by mistranslation. However, the informed reader will see the solution, even in the *KJV* text itself. In the *KJV*, words in italics were added by the translators. In this case, the translators added “of God,” and thus caused the difficulty.

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