



LOVE

1 John 4: 7-21

God's love and ours

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.



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~ 1 JOHN 4:7

- **WHY** do we love
- **WHO** gives us LOVE?
- **HOW** should we love?

WHY do we love

"Friends let us love one another for love comes from God!" (v7)

- LOVING our community makes us UNIQUE
- Our LOVE is a BADGE OF HONOUR
- WE LOVE BECAUSE we were loved FIRST by God

We need to overcome the obstacles in our lives to RELEASE the love!

CHALLENGE: Are you ready to get RID of your protective layer of PRIDE, ANGER, BITTERNESS, HATRED?

RELEASE THE LOVE!!

WHO gives us LOVE?

“God is LOVE” (v8, 16)

- God IS love
- Love comes from God

We need to stop stepping back into the shadows and MISSING the opportunity to BLESS people through releasing the FULL ON LOVE OF GOD over them!!

CHALLENGE: What are you going to do the next time you have an opportunity to POUR out love on someone?

‘The implication of this point is theologically crucial: Our love is a response to God's love and not the basis of his love for us. A further truth is that our love is enabled by God's love and not independently produced. God's gift of his Son for our salvation is that which defines the meaning of love’

John Piper

HOW should we love?

“we should LOVE one another!” (v7)

- Start by giving this GOD LOVE to those around us... family, friends, neighbours, workmates, etc...
- LOVE transforms any situation

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CHALLENGE: What are you going to do the next time you have an opportunity to POUR out love on someone?

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-5



CHALLENGE: Ask the Holy Spirit to SHOW US if there is any issue, any resentment, unforgiveness or anything else in our hearts to deal with?