

“God’s Love – The Example To Follow!”

I John 4:7-21

How is your love life?

The Command – “Love one another” (vv.7-12)

- God is the source of love
- God reveals how He loves in the giving of His Son
- God is made real and visible through love
- God is love

The Assurance (vv.13-16)

- The Christian has received the Spirit
- The Christian acknowledges Jesus
- The Christian loves as God loves

The Confidence (vv.17-18)

- Will not fear on the day of judgement
- Love drives out fear

The Link between the love of God and Christian love (vv.19-21)

- Cannot love God and hate our brother
- 3 lies we believe
 - “I can walk with God and live in immorality”
 - “I can know God and deny Jesus”
 - “I can love God and hate Christians”

Apply the Command to “love one another” to my relationships!

To Ponder In A Quiet Moment Or Over a Cuppa With A Friend:

How would you define love?

How can the invisible God be made visible?

Is it possible to know God without knowing Jesus? Explain!

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1. What command does John repeat in these verses? What reasons does John give for the command?
2. How did God show His love among us?
3. What is a proper and right response to God’s love? (v.11)
4. John commands us to love one another. Who is to make the first move when it comes to loving one another and why? (vv.10,19)
5. How is it possible to see God if no one has ever seen God? (v.12)
6. How do we know the God whom we cannot see lives in us? (vv.13-16)
7. “*Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*” (v.7) When or how is this true? If someone says, “I love others,” does that mean they are a Christian? Explain your answer.
8. What is the day of judgement? Why can the Christian be confident on the day of Christ? What would there be to fear anyway?
9. What relationships are based on fear?
10. What lie is believed in v.20? What other lies might we believe that John writes of in his letter? (See also 1:6, 2:4; 3:22)
11. What does it mean to love? How does I Cor.13 fit into your definition? Charles Finney wrote “Love is bringing about the highest good in another individual.”
12. When we are called to love one another what does love look like in the following relationship situations?
 - Loving a brother or sister in Christ who is facing persecution
 - Loving a new person when you have plenty of friends
 - Loving your spouse or child or parents
 - Loving a Christian who rubs you the wrong way
 - Loving an individual you are witnessing to