

Series "Following After God"
"The Love For Life"
1 John 4:7-13
Study-12

Psalm 23; Isaiah 53; John 1:1-14; 14-17; 1 Cor 13

1 John 2:10-11 Walking in Love – Proof of our Fellowship.

1 John 3:10-18 Practicing Love – Proof of our Son-ship.

1 John 4:7-13 Love is shown to be the very nature of God.

God's love is clearly seen through the "Birth of the Son of God" – 1 John 4:9

God's love is clearly seen through the "Sacrifice of the Son of God" – 1 John 4:10

John reveals 3 facts about God that leads to Love for Life:

1. Verses 7-8 – Because of What God is – Love

2. Verses 9-11 – Because of What God Did – Sent His Son

3. Verses 12-13 – Because of What God is Doing – Abiding In Us

1. Verses 7-8 – Because of What God is – Love:

1 John 4:7

"Beloved" (6th Time) it's an enduring term meaning "dearly loved, loved ones"

The Command: let us love one another, "Keep on loving one another"

1 John 4:11-12

1 John 3:11-4:21 Maintaining Love:

1 John 4:6

Biblical Love is based upon our Biblical Belief in the Truth.
Romans 12:9

The Origin of Love: for love is from God; Love – is not natural but supernatural.

Love – is used 28X in 1 John; The word love – Greek word Agape – Which is God's love. "A love from God" Unconditional love – Divine love,

Spiritual plane – experienced only by believers. “A Love not based upon performance, excellence, or true worth, but a love that is based upon a deliberate choice – made without assignable cause except that which lies in the nature of God Himself.”

Verses 7-8 – God-The Father; Verses 9-11 – God-The Son; Verses 12-13 – God-The Holy Spirit

and everyone who loves is born of God (God is our Father)

Romans 5:5

and knows God. (God is our Friend) Present tense means “a continuing, progressive knowledge”

1 John 4:8

“The one who does not love does not know God”; The Greek aorist tense “never at any time knew God”; Never got acquainted with God. May have professed, attended meetings but never reborn.

1 John 4:8 Paraphrase, “The person who does not have this divine kind of love has never entered into a personal, experiential knowledge of God. What he knows is in his head, but it has never gotten into his heart.”

God is love – meaning – “God’s eternal and essential nature is that of love”

1 John 4:16

God is Spirit (John 4), God is light (1 John 1:5), God is a consuming fire (Deut 4:24)

God is love – What it means – “Expresses fundamentally the very essence of God. Who God is to His very nature, whatever God does is always an activity of His love or an expression of His nature. God creates in love, God rules in love, and God judges in love. It is impossible for God to do anything but that which is loving, because God is love.”

God’s Moral Attributes are: Holiness, righteousness, truth and love.

God’s judgments are measured out in love and mercy: Hab 3:2

God’s Love is Great – Eph 2:4

God’s Love is Infinite – Eph 3:17-19

God's love is Immutable (Unchanging) – James 1:17

God's Love is Gracious – 1 John 4:19

God's Love is Eternal – Jer 31:3

God's Love is Amazing – 1 John 4:10

God's Love is Giving – John 3:16

What God is determines what we ought to be. 1 John 4:17

2. Verses 9-11 – Because of What God Did – Sent His Son:

1 John 4:9

manifested means "to come out in the open, to be made public"

Why was Jesus Christ manifested?

1. To Take Away Sins: 1 John 3:5

The greatest expression of God's love is in the death of His Son.
Rom. 5:8

2 Cor 5:21

2. Destroy The Works of The Devil: 1 John 3:8

3. That We Could Live Through Him: 1 John 4:9

Jesus, The Greatness of God's Gift: His only begotten Son; It means
"unique, the only one of its kind."

Purpose of God's Mission: so that we might live through Him; We might have
life.

John 3:3

1 John 4:10

How do we know that God loves us? In this is love, not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and sent His Son

The Recipients of God's Great Love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us

God's Great Love is Seen In it's Great Cost: and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. The word propitiation – "to atone, to cover" At-one-meant, payment paid, obligation met!

1 John 2:2

Romans 3:25

Romans 5:8-10

Rev 6:15-17

1 Peter 3:18

1 John 4:11

God is The Model: if God so loved us; Literally – "God in a point and time loved us, and will go on loving us for eternity."

Purpose – So We Could Love One Another: we also ought to love one another.

Not an exhortation but an obligation: ought – an accounting term meaning "having a financial obligation and debt"

3. Verses 12-13 – Because of What God is Doing – Abiding In Us:

1 John 4:12

John 4:24 "God is spirit"

God is Revealed Through His Creation – Psalm 19:1

God is Revealed Through Life and Experience of His people – 1 Peter 2:9

God is Revealed Through the Holy Scriptures – John 5:39

God is Revealed Completely through His Son – Col 2:9

God is Revealed Through The Present and Continuous Activity of Love: if we love one another, God abides in us,

We Are Not Perfect But In Process of Revealing God:

1 John 4:13

1 John 3:24

Romans 5:5

Application:

Why We Should Love:

1. Reasons to Love – Because Love is from God: (1 John 4:7)
2. Reasons to Love – Because God is love: (1 John 4:8)
3. Reasons to Love – Because of what God has done: (1 John 4:9-11)
4. Reasons to Love – Because God wants to reveal Himself through us: (1 John 4:12)
5. Reasons to Love – Because God has given the believer of the Holy Spirit: (1 John 4:13)