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Love of God (1 John 4:7-21)

1 John 4:7-21 (ESV)

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- ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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- ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.
- ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.
- ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

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- ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.
- ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

“All You Need is Love”

(The Beatles, 1967)



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(1 Corinthians 13 NIV)

- **13** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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- ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
- ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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From Where Does This Love Come?

God

Who is God?

- “Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**”^[a] And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you’” (Exodus 3:13-14).
- a. Or *I AM WHAT I AM*, or *I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE*
- “I AM” = YHWH (THE PERSONAL NAME OF GOD) (I.E. “*THE GREAT ‘I AM’*”) = *LORD* = HE WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND WILL ALWAYS BE

“Ontology”

- Answer this question: “Who Are You?” (“I am_____”)
- Ontology: “The branch of metaphysics that deals with the nature of being” (*American Heritage Dictionary*)
- Answers the question, “Who am I?”
 - Essentialism: We are born with a set identity (Metaphor: a peach pit)
 - Existentialism: Our identity is simply the sum of what happens to us (Metaphor: an onion)
- Example: We are *created* beings (i.e., there must be a Creator, vs. “aseity”)
- Example: I am a created being who is loved by God, who created me

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I. God is Love

- “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**” (1 John 4:8b).
- “**God is love**, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him” (1 John 4:16b).

II. Jesus is Savior

- ⁹ In this the love of **God was made manifest** among us, that **God sent his only Son into the world**, so that we might **live through him**. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** [“satisfaction”/payment] **for our sins**. (1 John 4:9-10)

III. The Spirit is Assurance

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To Where Does This Love Go?

To Others

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Let Us Pray

