

“Blessed Assurance: God’s Love is Ours”

I John 4:7-21

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GOD IS THE SOURCE AND DEFINITION OF LOVE AND HIS LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE IN US.

1) THE SOURCE OF LOVE (v. 7-8)

2) THE DEFINITION OF LOVE (v. 9-10)

3) THE COMPLETION OF LOVE IN US (v. 11-21)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 John 5:1-5

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: How is the word “love” used on a day-to-day basis?

- 1) According to verses 7-8, what’s the evidence that you’re born again and have a real relationship with Him?
- 2) What does someone’s lack of love for others say about them?
- 3) What’s the difference between the statements “Love is God” and “God is love”?
- 4) How did God demonstrate His love for us?
- 5) What’s significant about the fact that it is “...not that we loved God, but that God loved us...”?
- 6) Where does our motivation to love one another come from?
- 7) John repeats “this is how...” several times, highlighting some key things we can be aware of. What are those things?
- 8) How does God’s love fill us with confidence and drive out fear?
- 9) What does it mean for God’s love to be made complete in us?
- 10) Why do we love one another according to verse 19?
- 11) Why can’t you love God and not your brother and sister?
- 12) How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?