

August 27, 2017
I John 4:7-21

A LOVE THAT FLOWS FROM GOD

I. To _____ is to love others

7] “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been **born of God** and knows God. 8] Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” I John 4:7-8

9] , 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. 10] This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and **sent** his Son as an atoning **sacrifice** for^[e] our sins. 11] Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” I John 4:9-11

Love _____ and _____!

II. To _____ is to love others

12] “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13] We know that we live 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] If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. 16] And 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 him. “ I John 4:12-16

_____ through the power of _____
which I received when _____ as my
Savior

III. To _____ is to love others.

17] “In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. 18] There 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. “ I John 4:17-18

IV. To _____ is to love others.

19] “We love because he first loved us. 20] If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21] And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” I John 4:19-21

**POINTS TO PONDER\
Week of August 27th
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Open It

1. Which do you think is a more powerful motivator—love, fear, or hate? Why?
2. What popular figure alive today or from history used hate to motivate people?
3. When have you been motivated by love?

Explore It

4. What were the readers of 1 John encouraged to do? (4:7)
5. *What is the relationship between loving and knowing God? (4:7-8)
6. How did God show His love? (4:9)
7. Why did God send His Son? (4:9)
8. What is love? (4:10)
9. Why should Christians love one another? (4:11)
10. What is the result of loving one another? (4:12)
11. *How can believers know that they live in God and God lives in them? (4:13)
12. What did John testify concerning? (4:14)
13. What happens when we acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God? (4:15)
14. Why is love important? (4:16-17)
15. How is love made complete? (4:17)
16. What does perfect love do? Why? (4:18)
17. *Why should we love? (4:19)
18. What is the relationship between loving God and loving one's brother? (4:20-21)

Get It

19. *How can we demonstrate our love for God?
20. What example has Jesus set for us to follow?
21. How should God's love motivate you to love others?
22. How do you know that God lives in you?
23. What does it mean to live in God?
24. Why is it be easier to love God than other Christians?
25. *When you have difficulty loving other believers, what is it that makes it difficult?
26. *How can we demonstrate our love for others?
27. What are you afraid of?
28. How can we overcome our fears?
29. How does love drive out fear?

Apply It

30. Who is someone that you have a difficult time getting along with that you need to ask God to help you love this week?
31. What fear will you ask God to help you overcome?
32. *What specific steps will you take this week to demonstrate your love for another believer?