



Part 19: All Genuine Love Flows from God

1 John 4:5-12

1. What do you think so many people mean by saying love comes from “within” us? Why do they believe this?

2. Fill in the blanks. Spiritual Principle - _____ with God _____ results in loving _____.

3. Read 1 John 4:5-6 along with John 8:47. Why do some reject the teachings from the Apostles in the Bible while others embrace it?

a. While speaking to the Apostles, what does Jesus teach in Luke 10:16?

b. What are some logical arguments that support God being the Author of the Bible?

c. Ultimately – how are we made *certain* (willing to even die) that God wrote the Bible and speaks to us through it? Consider Romans 10:17.

4. Read 1 John 4:7-8. How do we gain access to God so that His love flows *into* us and *out* of us?

a. According to Mark 7:21-23, what is naturally “within” the hearts of humans?

b. What is the different between saying “Love is God” vs. “God is love?”

c. What does it mean to express God’s *genuine* love toward others?

d. Why is it *impossible* for people to *truly* love others without a relationship with God through Jesus?

5. Read 1 John 4:9-12. How should it impact me to know that even though I did NOT love God, He loved me?

a. How is Jesus being the “propitiation” for your sins the clearest display of God’s *intense love* for you?

b. How does the sacrificial love of Jesus on the cross inform us of what our love for others should be like?

c. Why does experiencing God’s love for me always leads to me expressing His love for others?

d. Name 3 people you struggle most to love right now. How have you been thinking about love in a worldly way toward them?

e. From the sermon, explain how engaging in the 3 R’s (Recognize, Reject, Return) cultivate intimacy with God so you can love others the way He loves you.

6. What is your main take away from this teaching?
