

Absolutely Sure pt. 5: 1 John 2:7 - 11
Vital Sign #4: Love for God's Children

I. A New Old Commandment?

- A. 1 John 2:7 - 8
- B. Matthew 22:37 - 39
- C. John 13:34 - 35

II. Why Is Love So Important?

- A. 1 John 2:9 - 11
- B. 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 3

III. What Is Love?

- A. Three Greek "Loves"
 - 1. Eros (ἔρως) - sensual love - not in Bible
 - 2. Phileo (φιλέω) - brotherly love
 - 3. Agape (ἀγάπη) - God's love
- B. 1 Corinthians 13:4 - 7

IV. Where Does Love Come From?

- A. 1 John 4:7 - 8
- B. Romans 5:5

V. What Does Love Look Like?

- A. 1 John 4:9 - 12

- B. 1 John 3:14 - 18

C. Unique Characteristics of Christian Love

1. Encourage believers to love and serve God (Heb. 10:23 - 25, 1 Thes. 5:11)
2. Forgiving as Christ forgives (Eph. 4:31 - 32, Rom. 12:17 - 21, Matt. 18:21 - 22)
3. Hold each other accountable to honor God (Gal. 6:1 - 5, Matt. 18:15 - 20)
4. Serve one another (John 13:12 - 15, Phil. 2:3 - 11)