

Sermon Title: What We Desire Most

Sermon Series: Who We Are 101

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

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John 13:34–35 ESV

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Love is a gift from God.

1 John 4:7–21 ESV

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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.

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. 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.

1 John 4:19 ESV

We love because he first loved us.

Since God first _____ you, you must love.

1 John 4:9–10 ESV

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. 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.

Propitiation

- He fully satisfied God’s wrath toward your sins.
- He took your shame & guilt upon Himself.
- God looks upon you favorably because Jesus sacrificed for you.

1 John 4:8 ESV

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:12 ESV

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Evidences of God's abiding love in His people:

A. The Spirit

1 John 4:13 ESV

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

B. See & Testify

1 John 4:14 ESV

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

C. Confess Jesus

1 John 4:15 ESV

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

1 John 4:16 ESV

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.

D. Confidence for the day of judgment

1 John 4:17–18 ESV

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1 John 4:20–21 ESV

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. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

E. Don't hate

God says: Those who are Mine are people of love.

Matthew 11:28–29 ESV

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Rest in Jesus' abiding love for you today. And, as you do, He will transform you to become a person of love.