



FIRST BAPTIST

When God's Love Transforms Us *The Essence and Assurance of Our Faith*

1 John Sermon Series

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1. We have a deep reliance on God's _____ (v. 13-16)

A deep _____ on God's love:

- a. flows from the _____ (v. 13)
- b. is held together by right _____ (v. 14)
- c. comes through your _____ with God (v. 15-16)

2. We experience the perfecting _____ of God's love (v. 17-21)

The perfecting _____ of God's love:

- a. gets us ready for _____ day (v. 17)
- b. pushes out _____ (v. 18)
- c. starts by _____ the people you see (v. 19-21)

1 John 4:13-21 ESV - ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷By 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If 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. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.