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SERIES ON 1-3 JOHN

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KNOWING GOD THROUGH LOVE

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

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¹⁰Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice, for our sins.

¹¹Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and we testify that the Father has sent his Son as the world's Savior.

1 John 4:7-16

1⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God – God remains in him and he in God. 1⁶And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.

1 John 4:17 – 5:3a

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19We love because he first loved us. **20**If anyone says, “I love God,” and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21**And we have this command from him: The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister.

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5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of him. **2**This is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God and obey his commands. **3**For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden, . . .

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1 John 2:26-29

²⁶I have written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you don't need anyone to teach you. Instead, his anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie; just as it has taught you, remain in him.

1 John 2:26–29

28 So now, little children, remain in him so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you know this as well: Everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

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He (Paul Smalley) paraphrases v. 17,

“As he [Jesus] is (in the Father’s love), so we are (in him, and therefore in the Father’s love) in the world (obediently making God’s love known).”

Jobes, K. H. (2014). 1, 2, & 3 John (C. E. Arnold, Ed.; p. 205). Zondervan.

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1 Corinthians 15:50–57

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor can corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body must be clothed with immortality.

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⁵⁴When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵Where, death, is your victory?

Where, death, is your sting?

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Jesus was sent . . .

1. that we might live through him (9)
2. to be the atoning sacrifice (10)
3. to be the savior of the world (14)

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1 John 13:34–35

³⁴“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 John 14:15

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commands.

1 John 15:12

¹²“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you.

1 John 15:17

¹⁷“This is what I command you: Love one another.

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John 1 :10-13

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, ¹³who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:1

¹There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

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