

Let Us not Forget
Week 4: God's Lovingkindness
1 John 4:7-11

1) The Foundation: God is love (vs8)

- His love is unconditional.

*"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.⁸ Love never fails." **1 Corinthians 13:4-8***

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8***

- His love is unmerited.

*"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." **Ephesians 2:4-7***

- His love is immeasurable.

*"...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." **Ephesians 3:17-19***

2) The Expectation: God's love will be unmistakable in the lives of believers. (vs7-8,11)

*"We love Him because He first loved us." **1 John 4:19***

- Our love is from God. (vs7)

- Our love is for one another. (vs7-8,11)

*"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." **Matthew 5:23-24***

3) The Realization: We should be thankful for God's love. (Psalm 103:4)