



## God is Love

1 John 4:7-21

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### WHAT IS LOVE?

- What is love's source? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What does love look like? The arrival of \_\_\_\_\_.

### GOD IS LOVE

- Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_. It's not just something he does. It's who and what he is.
- To genuinely **know** and **understand** the true identity of God is to **become** \_\_\_\_\_. If we truly **apprehend** the person of God, it will lead us to change how we **live** and \_\_\_\_\_.
- To enjoy God's love has a requirement: the \_\_\_\_\_ of a broken \_\_\_\_\_ that can only be accomplished by Jesus Christ.

### GOD INSPIRES US TO LOVE

1. He inspires us by the \_\_\_\_\_ of His love.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is at work in us, expressing God's love in \_\_\_\_\_ and sacrificial ways.
3. God inspires us through our \_\_\_\_\_.

### LOVE MADE COMPLETE

- God's love is made complete *in* us by \_\_\_\_\_ and believing.
- God's love is made complete *among* us by \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR

1. Right fear: drives you \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. Sinful fear: drives you \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

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<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.