

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

A. Context – Write 3 main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. *(Hint ~ What has John been warning about? To what new topic does John turn? How has John spoken of this topic previously?)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. God is the of true love.

2. God is the of true love.

3. God is the of true love.

**Introduction
Scripture
References**

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: God is the of true love.

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God...”

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on the divine source of true love.)

a. The _____ to love

b. The _____ of love

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~What is the difference between worldly love and divine love?)*

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: God is the of true love.

“...and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on the divine strength of true love.)

a. Love was _____

b. Love is _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ What is one clear evidence that someone is a believer?)*

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

C. Point 3: God is the of true love.

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

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 3?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on how God is the definition and fullest display of true love.)

a. The _____ of love

b. The _____ of God

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ What does the absence of love for others reveal? What must you do to have a true, godly love for others?)*

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

III. Conclusion

- A. Have you considered that we are called to display God like love to one another and thus display that God is among us?
- B. Do you live as a believer proactively seeking to be an imitator of God in how you love others?
- C. Do you focus on loving others or preserving self?
- D. The believer must remember... (*Hint ~ Fill in the blanks for review.*)
 1. God is the _____ of true love.
 2. God is the _____ of true love.
 3. God is the _____ of true love.



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

1. God is Love but not only Love:
(1 Jn 4:8, 16; 2 Cor 13:11 cf. Jn 4:24; 1 Jn 1:5; Heb 12:29; Isa 6:3)
2. God's Love is Fully Satisfied in Himself and Antecedent to Creation:
(Mt 3:17; Jn 17:5, 24, 26 cf. Jn 14:31; Ps 23:4; 25:11; 31:3; 79:9; 106:8; 109:21; 143:11; Isa 43:25; 48:11; Ezek 36:22-28; 1 Cor 10:31; Rom 11:33-36; Eph 1:6; 12; 14)
3. God's Love is a Voluntary Choice with Rational Affection:
(Ex 33:19; Duet 4:37; 7:7-8; 10:15; 23:7; Ps 78:67-68; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Rom 5:5, 8; 9:13 cf. Mal 1:2-3; Eph 1:4; 2 Thess 2:13; 1 Jn 4:19 cf. Hos 11:1-11, 14:4; Zep 3:17)
4. God's Love is Steadfast and Eternal:
(Gen 39:21; Ex 15:2; 20:6; 34:6-7; 2 Sam 7:15; 2 Chron 5:13; 7:3, 6; 20:21; Ezra 3:11; Neh 9:17; Ps 13:15; 33:5; 52:8; 57:10; 63:3; 89:1-2, 14; 103, 8, 11, 17; 107:1; 117:2; 136:1-26; Isa 48:14; 63:9; Jer 9:24; 31:3; Lam 3:22; Jonah 4:2; Micah 7:18; Rom 8:31-39; Heb 13:5b)
5. God's Love is Sacrificial and Others Oriented:
(Isa 53:1-12 cf. Gen 22:2; Hos 3:1; 11:1-4; Jn 3:16, 35; 15:13-14; 17:24; 14:31; Rom 3:23-26; 5:8; 8:31; 1 Cor 13:4-7; 2 Cor 8:9;

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: