

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

- A. Context – Write the main ideas that provide background for the sermon text.

- 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. True love is manifested though Christ's

2. True love is manifested though Christ's

3. True love is manifested though Christ's

Introduction Scripture References

List any additional
passages pastor
may mention:

II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: True love is manifested though Christ's:

John has transitioned from declaring where true love is sourced (from God) to how true love is seen on earth.

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1? (*Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on how true love is seen.*)

a. True love is _____

b. True love is _____

c. True love is _____

d. True love is _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (*Hint ~How should the believer be loving others?*)

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: True love is manifested through Christ's:

*John teaches us more about true love as seen through what God
did through the atoning sacrifice of Christ.*

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

*(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on how God shows
true love.)*

a. True love is _____

b. True love is _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ How
can you recognize, respond to, and reflect this love?)*

Propitiation /prō-pĭsh"ē-ā'shən/

The divine act where God utterly appeases and satisfies His
own holy wrath against sin through personally and fully judging
it by the perfect and substitutionary sacrifice of His sinless Son.

**Point 2 Scripture
References**

List any
additional
passages pastor
may mention:

A. Point 3: True love is manifested through Christ's:

John now explains both the believer's divine obligation as well as the believer's cosmic opportunity in displaying true love.

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

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on the calling to mutual love among the body of Christ.)

a. True love is _____ by God

b. True love is _____ among believers

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ What is the purpose for believer's to love one another?)*

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

III. Conclusion

List three reasons John has given to love one another:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

God's love is seen in Christ's Incarnation
God's love is seen in Christ's Propitiation
God's love is seen in Christ's Congregation



Scripture for Further Study

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

1. God's Love is Patient and Comprehensive:
(Ps 103:8; 145:15-17 cf. 104:27; Ezek 18:23; 33:11; Mt 5:43-48; Jn 3:16; 4:42; 1 Jn 4:14; Lk 13:3-5; Rom 2:4-5; 5:8; 8:18-22; Eph 2:1-4; Acts 14:17; 17:26-31; 2 Cor 6:1-2; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:8-9; Rev 2:21; Col 1:17; Heb 1:3; 1 Cor 13:4-7 cf. Mt 23:37-39 & Rom 11:1-33!!!)
2. God's Love is Knowable and yet, Incomprehensible:
(Jn 17:3; Job 9:10; Ps 23:4; 139:6; 145:3; Isa 40:28; Rom 11:33-36; Eph 1:15-23; 3:14-19; 1 Tim 6:16; Jer 9:23-24; 31:34; Col 1:9-14; 2 Pet 3:18; Rom 8:28-30)
3. God's Love is Gracious and Covenantal:
(Ex 20:5-6; 33:19; 34:6-7; Deut 5:10; 7:7-9,12; 9:6; 2 Sam 7:15; Ps 32:10; 33:18; 36:10; 103:11, 17; 145:20; 147:11; Isa 54:10; Jer 31:31-37; Ezek 37:11-14; Lk 22:20; Jn 14:21-23; 15:10; Rom 8:28; 1 Cor 2:9; Titus 3:4; 1 Jn 2:5; 4:16, 19; 5:2; 2 Jn 6; Jude 21)
4. God's Love is Compelling and Comforting:
(Ex 19:4-6; 20:1-2; Deut 5:12-15; Mt 20:25-28; 2 Cor 5:14-15; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Jn 3:16; 15:13-14; Rom 2:4; 5:5-8; 8:31-39; Gal 2:20; Eph 2:4-6; 5:2, 25; 1 Jn 3:16-19; 4:9-10; Phil 2:1-11; 1 Pet 2:21-25; Eph 1:4-5; Heb 13:5b; Rev 1:5)

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional
passages pastor
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