



Confident Christian Living #8 | Confidence in God's Love

1 John 4:7-13 | 07/16/2023

Introduction: The Holy Spirit of God inspired John the Apostle to give us three declarative statements about the NATURE OF GOD...

- In John 1:5 - we read "God is light."
- In John 4:24 - we read "God is a Spirit."
- And here in verse 8 - "**God is love.**"

When we comprehend and contemplate the fact that a Holy God loves a sinful world, our hearts should fill with gratitude. **His love is faithful!**

I. The Love of God _____ - verse 7-8

A. God's _____ is love

God is first light, and therefore is not soft or indulgent toward sin, but He loves the sinner.

B. God's _____ are characterized by love - verses 7-8

Sometimes love must be stormy - reprove, rebuke, and exhort.... But, **even our rebuke must be motivated by love.**

God's love is proclaimed **in** His word, and **from** His people...

II. The Love of God _____ - verses 9-10

God manifested His love - "manifested" = made visible.

A. He gave His only _____

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

John 14:9 “*Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’**”*”

B. He came to be a _____ - verse 10

He came to be the **payment or satisfaction** for sin. Why? Because God is light and just.

Romans 3:25 “*whom God put forward as **a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.** This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”*”

III. Love _____ - verses 11-13

A. Love _____ - verse 11

B. His love is _____ in us - verse 12

God is **invisible**, but His people are **visible**. His love is proclaimed in the Word, proved at the Cross, and perfected in the believer.

Romans 5:5 “*and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts **through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**”*”

Conclusion: God proved His love on Calvary to provide salvation - receive it!

He perfects His love in yielded vessels!