

# Sermon Outline

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**“Why We Love”**  
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1 John 4:7-12

## Introduction

### 1. **We Love because God is the Source of Love** (vv. 7-8)

- A. An attribute of God (Ex. 34:6-7; Jn. 17:24)
- B. A test of genuine faith (1 Jn. 2:9; 3:10; 3:14)

### 2. **We Love because God Loved Us** (vv. 9-11)

- A. God-defined love:
  - i. Action-oriented (v. 9; Mk. 1:11)
  - ii. Sacrificial (v. 9)
  - iii. Self-initiating (v. 10)

iv. Other-centered (v. 10; Rom. 5:8)

v. Forgiving (v. 10; Nah. 1:2; Jn. 3:36)

B. His love to us is to flow through us (v. 11)

### 3. **We Love because it Provides Evidence of God's Presence in Us** (v. 12)

A. The invisible God is revealed through our love

B. We are not left to love in our own strength (2 Tim. 1:7; Gal. 5:22)

**\* The Loved Must Be Lovers \***

### **What's Next?**

- August 23, "*Baptizing Them in the Name*" – Matthew 28:18-20, Pastor Corey Kugle
- August 30, "*Giving with a Right Heart*" – Matthew 6:1-4, Pastor Corey Kugle