

I. I Need To Tell You Something (7-8)

- A. A sublime truth (7a) - “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God...”
- B. A spiritual trait (7b) - “...and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”
- C. A sad tragedy (8) - “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

II. I Want To Show You Something (9-13)

- A. My love is seen through My gift (9-10) - “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
- B. My love is seen through My children (11-12) - “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.”
- C. My love is seen through My Spirit (13) - “By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”

III. I Am Going To Give You Something (14-19)

- A. I give you My Son (14-15) - “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”
- B. I give you My assurance (16) - “So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.” **Love = evidence of true salvation**
- C. I give you My peace (17-18) - “By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”
- D. I give you My ability (19) - “We love because He first loved us. 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”