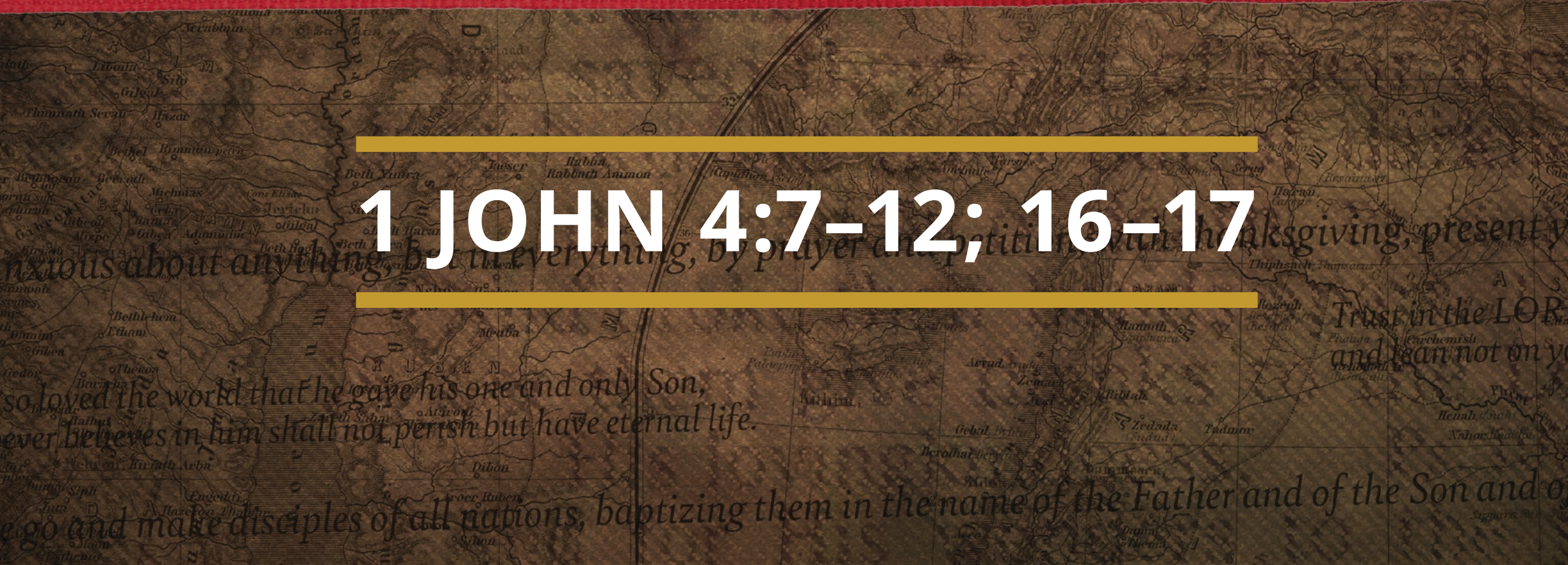




LOVING LIKE JESUS



1 JOHN 4:7-12; 16-17

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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.

1 JOHN 4:7-9

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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 JOHN 4:10-12

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. 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.**

1 JOHN 4:16-17

How Does Jesus Love Us?

1. Jesus loves us with a selfless love. (vs. 9)

*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.*

— **1 John 4:9**

How Do We Build BRIDGES BETWEEN OTHER PEOPLE?

Step #1 — God accepts me. (*Grace*)

Step #2 — I accept God's acceptance of me. (*Faith*)

Step #3 — I accept me. (*Peace*)

Step #4 — I can accept you. (*Love*)

Step #5 — You are free to accept me. (*Fellowship*)

How Does JESUS LOVE US?

2. Jesus loves us with a sacrificial love. (vs. 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. — **1 John 4:10***

How Does Jesus Love Us?

3. Jesus loves us with a serving love.

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

— **John 13:3-4**

How Does Jesus Love Us?

4. Jesus loves us with a sharing love. (vss. 11–12)

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

*No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. — **1 John 4:11–12***