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What love is this?– 1 John 4
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"At the cross God gave the best He had for the worst he could find"- Joel Beeke.

Listen in as Bob McCan opens up 1 John 4 and rejoices in the love God has shown us at the cross.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- In what ways has this message deepened your understanding of God's love for you?

- Would you say you always have assurance that God loves you? What causes you to doubt or question this?
- Based on the message, in what ways do you think the way believers love one another should differ from the way non-believers love?
- Bob made a statement that, *“Every failure to love can be traced back to a failure to understand or grasp the atonement”*. Consider that statement & comment in light of a time you failed to love someone.
- Would your natural reaction be to withdraw & distance yourself from, rather than move towards, someone who has offended/hurt/sinned against you? Has the message provoked you to consider a different approach? Reflect again on vs 10.