

# ALL ABOUT LOVE

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### I. THREE THINGS ABOUT US

#### 1. *We are Loved.*

**1 John 4:7-10** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

#### A. God is love.

1) *God loves us.*

2) *God's value is not found in our love. Our value is found in His.*

#### B. His love gives us a family.

**1 John 3:1** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

#### C. His love gives us confidence.

**1 John 4:4** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

#### D. His love gives us peace.

**1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

#### 2. *We are Lovers.*

**1 John 4:11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

#### A. We can love because we are loved.

**1 John 4:19** We love because He first loved us.

## **B. How we live affects how we love.**

**1 John 4:16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

## **C. God in us fuels our love.**

**1 John 3:23-24** And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us.

*“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.” - C.S. Lewis*

*“The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.” - C.S. Lewis*

## **D. Loving looks like Jesus.**

**1 John 4:17** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

**John 13:34-35** A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.

## **3. We are Liars.**

**1 John 4:20-21** Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

**1 John 1:6** If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

**1 John 2:4** Whoever says, "I know Him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

**1 John 4:20** Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

**1 John 4:10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**1 Corinthians 11:27-29** So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-24** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

**1 Corinthians 11:25-26** In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.