

There are many recurring topics we've seen in 1 John (*fellowship, brotherly love, the world, antichrist, the end times, personal growth, etc.*) and an overall theme connecting them all (1 John 5:13). Though John revisits and interweaves some of the same content and phraseology as he _____ these topics and connects them to the overall theme, there is always a little different aspect he focuses on in each section. Today, we will see an emphasis on the love that comes only from God and His throne and how we either have it or we don't...we either dwell in it with God, or we don't. Don't be lulled to sleep this morning by our familiar title but rather tune in to find understanding of the depth of the love of God for us and the world.

THE LOVE OF GOD – 1 John 4:7-21

1. The Love of God is Manifested Toward Us – v. 7-10

- The love of God is different and _____ than any other love – v. 7-9; Rom. 5:5-11; Gen. 22.

God is love and...

(v. 8, 16; Deut. 4:24; Nah. 1:2; Ps. 75:7; 1 Cor. 1:9, 10:13; 1 John 1:5)

God's love causes an unexplainable love of the brethren and...

(Lev. 19:34; Deut. 10:19; Gen. 12:2-3; Rom. 11:25; Matt. 5:24)

- God's love is _____ in a sense that a sinner may only obtain God's love God's way by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ – v. 10; Matt. 5:44-45; Acts 14:16-17; Rom. 1:20-32, 5:8.

Not that we loved God, but that _____ loved us (v. 19, John 3:16, 35; 5:20; Rom. 3:11-12)

Jesus Christ, God's love manifested, is _____ propitiation for all/our sin (2:2; Rom. 3:25-26)

2. The Love of God Can Be Perfected in Us – v. 11-12

- God's love is _____ in us when we love like God loves and people see Him through us – 2 Tim. 3:17; John 13:34-35; Heb. 12:14-15.

3. The Love of God Has Evidence That Confirms God Dwells in Us – v. 13-21; 1 Pet. 3:7; Rev. 21:3

- The evidence of _____ Jesus Christ as Savior and His Spirit residing in us – v. 13-15; Rom. 1:16-17, 8:16; Gal. 5:22-23.
- The evidence of loving as God does in this world (*as He is, so are we*) – v. 16-17, 20-21; 1 Cor. 13.
- The evidence of our _____ – v. 18; Pr. 1:7, 9:10; Php. 2:12 (2 Cor. 5:11); 2 Tim. 1:7.