

**“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”  
1 JOHN 4:7-21**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Jesus said the First and Great Commandment is to love God and the Second is like it – you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22:37-39). The two go hand in hand – If we love God, it shows in the way we treat others. It will also reveal our love for others. Jesus said, “By this all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another (John 13:35).

- **“Love One Another”** is recorded five times in this letter (1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12)

- I. We are Born of God and Know God** (vv. 7-8)
- II. We See God’s Love** (vv. 9-11)
- III. God’s Spirit is in us** (vv. 12-13)
- IV. Our Testimony and Confession are True** (vv. 14-16)
  - A. The Great Testimony**
  - B. The Great Confession** (v. 15)
- V. God Delivers us from Judgment** (v. 17)
  - A. Therefore, we may have “boldness”** (confidence) in the day of judgment (v. 17a).
  - B. If we love God, Jesus and one another as Christian brothers and sisters, we will have great boldness and no fear of the day of judgment** (v. 17b).
  - C. “Because as He is, so are we in this world”** (v. 17c)
- VI. God Delivers us from Fear** (v. 18)
  - A. Love makes us bold – gives us confidence** (v. 17) – and it casts out fear (v. 18).
  - B. Have no fear of judgment – it was settled when Jesus died for you.**
  - C. Love God and one another – enjoy your salvation in Jesus – fear has been cast out.**
- VII. We Love God** (vv. 19-21)
  - A. “We love him, because he first loved us”** (v. 19)
  - B. We love God because we do not hate our brother** (v. 20)
  - C. We love God because we keep (obey) His commandment** (v. 21)

**CONCLUSION:**

**A.** Karl Barth, courageous theologian, was once asked, “What is the greatest thought you ever had?” His answer: “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

**B. Jesus Love Even Me**

**C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**