

## **THE LOVE OF GOD**

### **1 John 4:7-12**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

**God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, “I Love You” (Billy Graham).**

- “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God (1 John 4:7).

**We will focus on four facts related to the Love of God:**

- I. The Definition of the Love of God (1 John 4:16)**
  - A. Love is one of God’s attributes (Ps 103:2)**
  - B. Pattern ourselves according to God’s description of Love (1 Cor 13:4-8a)**
  
- II. The Love of God Described in the Text (vv. 7-11)**
  - A. It is an Inseparable Love (Rom 8:38-39; John 16:26-27)**
  - B. It is an Everlasting Love (Jer 31:3; Ps 136:2)**
  - C. It is an Unchanging Love (Heb 13:8; Mal 3:6)**
  - D. It is an Unconditional Love (John 3:16; Luke 23:34; Titus 3:4-5)**
  
- III. The Love of God Demonstrated at Calvary (v. 10)**
  - A. Jesus stood in the Gap (2 Cor 5:21)**
  - B. Jesus saved us from the Penalty of Sin (1 Pet 1:18-19; 3:18; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14)**
  
- IV. The Love of God Displayed by Christians**
  - A. Christians exhibit Forgiving Love (Gen 45:1-8; 2 Tim 3:12; 1 Pet 3:17; Eph 4:31-32)**
  - B. Christians exhibit Redeeming Love (Hosea 3:1-3; 1 Cor 6:19-20; Gal 4:4-5; Isa 42:22)**
  - C. Christians have the Love for the Savior (John 14:15; Rev 2:4)**
  - D. Christians have a Love for the Scriptures (John 5:39; Acts 17:11)**
  - E. Christians have a Love for the Church (Heb 10:25)**
  - F. Christians have a Love for the Saints (1 John 4:20-21) and for Unbelievers.**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. Thank God daily His Love and Benefits.**
- B. Ask God to help us to Love like Jesus.**
- C. Love God and thy neighbor as yourself.**
- D. ABC’s of Salvation**

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