

The Christian's Foundation: *Love and Truth.*

Lesson 8: God Is Love:

1 John 4:7 - 21

INTRODUCTION:

In the first three chapters of 1 John, we discovered seven truths. These truths were:

- The First Truth: The Word of Life – The Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Second Truth: God is Light – We are to Walk in that Light.
- The Third Truth: Christ Keeps the Saints.
- The Fourth Truth: The Saint is to Keep His Commandments.
- The Fifth Truth: The Saint is to Not Love the World.
- The Sixth Truth: Antichrists will be in the World.
- The Seventh Truth: The Saints Are to Love One Another.
- The Eighth Truth: Try the Spirits.

In our last study we discovered the Eighth Truth of 1 John: Test the Spirits. When dealing with the study of Satan and his forces of darkness, it can be difficult in some respects. Now we will discover the Ninth Truth of 1 John: God is the Origin of Love.

I. The _____ Truth: God is the _____ of Love: Verses 7 - 8.

(7) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 John 3:11; 1 John 3:23; John 15:12 – 13; Romans 8:35

John 13:34; John 15:12; Romans 12:10; Galatians 5:3;

1 Thessalonians 3:12.

II. The Work of the Love of God in _____: Verses 9 – 16.

(9) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. (10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. (12) No man hath seen God at any

time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (13) Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. (14) And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. (15) Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. (16) And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

**A. How the Love of God was _____: Verses 9 – 10.
1 Timothy 2:4 – 6; John 17:5; John 4:23 – 24;
Romans 1:4; Romans 5:6 – 10; 1 John 2:2.**

**B. The _____ of the Love of God: Verses 11-14.
1 John 3:7; 1 John 4:11; Genesis 32:30; Exodus 33:18 – 23;
Exodus 34:29 – 30, 33; John 1:18; Revelation 1:17;
1 John 2:5; John 14:17; John 16:13; Judges 6:34;
Judges 11:29; 1 Samuel 11:6; 1 Samuel 16:13 – 14;
John 3:16 – 17; 1 Timothy 2:3 – 6; Romans 10:9 – 10.**

**C. _____ of the Love of God: Verses 15 – 16.
Romans 10:9 – 10.**

III. The Love of God Bringing _____ to the Believer: Verses 17 – 19.

(17) Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (19) We love him, because he first loved us.

**A. The _____ of our Love: Verses 17 – 18.
Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10.2 Timothy 1:7;
Hebrews 13:5 – 6.**

**B. The _____ for our Love: Verse 19.
1 John 4:10; Ephesians 5:2.**

**IV. The Love of God will _____ Love for our Brother:
Verses 20 – 21.**

(20) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (21) And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

**A. The Proper _____ of our Love: Verse 20.
1 John 2:9; 1 John 2:11; 1 John 3:15.**

**B. The _____ of God to Love our Brother:
Verse 21. 1 John 3:11.**

CONCLUSION and APPLICATIONS:

- The Ninth Truth: God is the Origin of Love.
- The saint who does not have love for his fellow saint is not truly a child of God.
- God showed us his love by sending the Lord Jesus Christ, part of Himself, to atone for our sins. That is true love.
- We cannot see God in our human body as His glory would cause us to physically die.
- However, we still have God in us, in the person of the Holy Spirit.
- God loved us so much, that He sent the Lord Jesus Christ to be atonement for our sins to appease His wrath.
- God loved us before we ever loved Him.
- If God dwells in us, we dwell in Him, and His love dwells within us as well.
- One who has the God and God's love in Him cannot hate his brother but will love him as well. We may disagree with our brothers from time to time but we will love him nevertheless..
- If we show God's love, we do not have to live in fear.
- If we show God's love, we can be confident, not arrogant, when we stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, that we have done our best in His service.

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(Psalm 34:15; 66:18; John 5:7; James 5:16-17)

II. There is the Prayer of the Faithful (Vss. 41b-42).

Note these things about this prayer...

It was offered in secret, in silence, and in submission.

III. There is the Perseverance of the Flesh (Vss. 43-44).

(Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 18:1; Acts 12; II Corinthians 12)

IV. There is the Presence of Fruit (Vss. 44-45).

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