Message Outline



God is Love

1 John 4:7-21

I. Introduction

II. God is Love

1 John 4:7 (CSB)

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:8 (CSB)

8 The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:9-11 (CSB)

9 God’s love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his one and only Son into the world so
that we might live through him. 10 Love consists in
this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our
sins. 11 Dear friends, if God loved us in this way,
we also must love one another.

1 John 4:12 (CSB)

12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one
another, God remains in us and his love is made
complete in us.

1 John 4:13-16 (CSB)

13 This is how we know that we remain in him and
he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we
have seen and we testify that the Father has sent
his Son as the world’s Savior. 15 Whoever
confesses that Jesus is the Son of God — God
remains in him and he in God. 16 And we have
come to know and to believe the love that God has
for us. God is love, and the one who remains in
love remains in God, and God remains in him.

1 John 4:17-18 (CSB)

17 In this, love is made complete with us so that we
may have confidence in the day of judgment,
because as he is, so also are we in this world. 18
There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love
drives out fear, because fear involves punishment.
So the one who fears is not complete in love.

1 John 4:19-21 (CSB)

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone
says, “I love God,” and yet hates his brother or
sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not
love his brother or sister whom he has seen
cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And we
have this command from him: The one who loves
God must also love his brother and sister.

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