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LOVE IS THE KEY: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

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Knowing God's love results in TRUST

vs. 16

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

Love finds its ORIGIN & DEFINITION in God
vss. 7-10

As we live in God, He PERFECTS His LOVE in us!
vs. 17

Love is our MANDATE & PRIVILEGE
vss. 11-12

CLOSING COMMENTS



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Go Deep Study Guide

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcentura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read **1 John 4:7-21**. Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

So far in our study, which teaching has been most meaningful for you:

Anticipated? **Understood?** **Forgiven?** Or, **Loved?** Explain why

When was the first time you truly internalized God's love for you? Did an event trigger this? Describe what happened

How have you come to know that God loves you (**verse 16**)? What difference has this made in your life?

How does the world define love? How does the Bible/God define love? (**vss. 9-10**) What historical event proved this?

Why are we commanded to love others? (**vs. 11**) Why else? **Genesis 1:26**

What does our love for others prove (give evidence of)? **1 John 3:14**

What do **1 Timothy 1:17** & **Colossians 1:15** teach us about God & Jesus? Explain your answer through the lens of **verse 12** of our passage

Discuss the following image/illustration:

God's love experienced in us ----> **God's love experienced through us!**

What is one very powerful result of knowing God that we learn from **verse 16** of our passage? How has this been true in your life?

How was this knowledge of God lacking in Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden?

What does **verse 17** of our passage teach us?

Application

Meditate upon the Apostle Paul's words in **Ephesians 3:17-19**. Pray that God would use your **knowledge** and **love** of Him to transform you into His image!

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.

