

Walking With God

Loved Ones, Love

1 John 4:7-11

“If you BOIL the Christian life down to One Word, that word would be “LOVE.”

John shows the Life-Changing Relationship between GOD’S Love for US, OUR Love for GOD & OUR Love for One Another.

Today, John Answers Three Questions regarding how God’s Love Flows TO US & How it’s supposed to Flow THROUGH US to Others...

1. HOW IS GOD’S LOVE DEFINED? (vv.7-8)

- 1.) Loving One Another Shows We’re Walking In The LIGHT of God. (1 John 2:10)
- 2.) Loving One Another Shows We’re Walking In The LIFE of God. (1 John 3:14)
- 3.) Loving One Another Shows We’re Walking In The LOVE of God.
 - When we Walk in the Light, Walk in the Life & Walk in Love, God’s Love is **DEFINED** to a Lost World.

2. HOW WAS GOD’S LOVE DEMONSTRATED? (vv.9-10)

- John makes a Connection between GOD’S Love & OUR Obligation to Love.(1 John 3:16)
- When Jesus came, True Love was Expressed in a Real Way, in Real Actions, that had a Real Impact on Real People.
- God Loves US in Tangible ways & we’re to Love Others in Tangible ways.
- Although we CAN’T Understand it all, we CAN Understand the REASON for it all...LOVE

3. WHAT DOES GOD’S LOVE DEMAND? (v.11)

- God’s Love Demands a RESPONSE from US.
- Human Love typically Only Loves that which is “LOVABLE.”
- So, HOW are we to Love the “UN-lovable?”
- If GOD Loved “UN-lovable ME” then GOD can Love My UN-lovable Friend Through ME.

HOW CAN WE WALK IN (“Flesh-Out”) GOD’S KIND OF LOVE?

- 1.) Learn to LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY. (Romans 5:8)
- 2.) Learn to LOVE SACRIFICIALLY. (1 John 3:16-18)
- 3.) Learn to LOVE PERSONALLY. (1 John 4:20-21)

- *If we Claim to Be Christians, we will Learn to Love LIKE HIM.*