

# Building Your Life On Christ

## “Love”

### 1 John 4:7-21

*There are NO Short Cuts to Maturity.*

*When we **BEGIN** with **FAITH** & **ADD** these other building blocks, **GOD** will **GROW** us up to **Spiritual Maturity**...*

*This **FINAL** Building Block is about Adding “**AGAPE**” (loving God’s way).*

#### 1. THE **PATTERN** OF PERFECT LOVE (vv.9-10)

- If we’re going to **LOVE LIKE JESUS**, we too must **Love Sacrificially**.
- If we’re going to **LOVE LIKE JESUS**, we too must **Love Unconditionally**.
- To **LOVE LIKE JESUS**, we too must have **Love NOT Based On Worth**.
- We were **Lost, Dead** in our sin, **Damned & Doomed** until Jesus **died** for us. **What Love!**

#### 2. THE **PRACTICE** OF PERFECT LOVE (vv.11-12)

- The world **knows GOD**...By watching **CHRIST Live in YOU & through YOU... AS YOU LOVE PEOPLE**. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)
- **HOW** do we **Express** the agape love of God? Simply put...**WE PRACTICE**.
- When people **come Against You & they Will...**“**INCREASE the DOSAGE**.”

#### 3. THE **POWER** OF PERFECT LOVE (v.13)

- Sometimes we only **succeed in Love** when we **succeed** in being a **Failure**.
- **GOD gives Believers** the **POWER** to express perfect love.
- We’re **NOT** to **Wait** for **THEM to Change...WE CHANGE!**

#### 4. THE **PRODUCT** OF PERFECT LOVE (v.17-18)

- When we **LOVE like Jesus** it brings **Fearlessness** in the face of **Judgment**.
- When you **Find** God’s love thru Christ, you can “**cast out fear**.”
- **THREE Signs** that perfect (complete) love is **Present** in YOU.

#### 5. THE **PROOF** OF PERFECT LOVE

- 1.) Perfect Love is **ACTIVE**.
- 2.) Perfect Love **SERVES**.
- 3.) Perfect Love **SACRIFICES**.

- **One day, when the Trumpet Blows...Jesus will Come Back.**
- ***Is He coming back for YOU?***