

This Is Love (Pt. 2)

1 John 4:7-21

I. God's Unchanging Nature of Love (7b-8)

A. Explained (7b, 8b)

1. God is the only source of this love (7b).
2. God is love in His essence (8b).

B. Applied (7-8)

1. Positively (7)
2. Negatively (8)

II. God's Unparalleled Demonstration of Love (9-12)

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A. Explained (9-10)

1. God Demonstrated His Love in Christ's Incarnation (9).

- By Whom He Sent – “His only begotten Son”
- By Where He Sent Him – “into the world”
- By How He sent Him – “in the flesh” (4:2)
- By Those for Whom He Sent Him – “we”
- By Why He Sent Him – “so that we might live through Him”

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A. Explained (9-10)

1. God Demonstrated His Love in Christ's Incarnation (9).
2. God Demonstrated His Love in Christ's Propitiation (10).
 - The Motive of God—"He loved us"
 - The Plan of God—"[He] sent His Son"
 - The Purpose of God—"to be the propitiation for our sins"

B. Applied (11-12)

1. It Is Our Moral Obligation to God (11).
2. It Is Our Christian Witness to the World (12).

Responding to God's Love In Christ

1. Repent of your sin and believe in Christ (1 Jn. 5:9-12; Jn. 3:16).
2. Love God with all your heart (1 Jn. 4:19; cf. Mt. 22:37).
3. Trust God's love even when you face trials (Mk. 9:7, 31; Heb. 5:8)
4. Let the knowledge of God's love strengthen your assurance (1 Jn. 4:17-18; Rom. 8:30-39).