

“We Love Him because He First Loved Us”

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Lesson 11

Text: I John 4:7-21

I. Love was revealed from God through Christ that we may live through him The Father’s love was revealed first to us. I John 4:7-10

- Only a child of God can love God with Divine love 4:7
- The child of God that does not love others, do not know (love) God. 4:8
- God displayed his love toward us by the giving of his Son to the world. 4:9
- To love is to live 4:9
- Divine love is to love without being loved 4:10
- Propitiation – God was satisfied with the payment Christ made to show us how much he loved us.

II. Maturity is allowing God’s love to be perfected in us and through us. I John 4:11-21 Why we should love God

- Because he so loved us 4:11
- The Lord lives through us by love; no love – no living. If there is no loving, there is no perfecting, there is no maturing. 4:12 (please note John 14:21)
- The purpose of the Holy Spirit dwelling in you is to teach you truth (John 14:26) 4:13
- I John 2:2 and I John 4:14 proves that the payment Christ made was for the whole world.
- Two options for this verse;
 - For salvation: Whosoever confesses that Jesus (who is the Savior of the world 4:14) is the Son of God by faith in Christ is born into God’s family and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
 - For service: Whosoever (believer) confess to the world (that whom Christ died) shows that God is living or working through them.
- God is love. Compare this verse with I Cor. 13 and substitute the word charity with Christ, then God, then Holy Spirit, then put your name. Do you measure up to love?

III. Fear destroys Maturity

- We are in the world to demonstrate love to the world. 4:17
- Fear will keep us from loving people. We are afraid to divinely love. 4:18
- Fear will produce terror in their Christian life. 4:18
- PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR 4:18
- Knowing that he has loved you with a perfect love, should cast out the fear of your own imperfect love. 4:19
- A man is a liar who claims to love God, but hates his brother. 4:20
- To love is a command. Love now all those with whom you are going to spend eternity 4:21

“FAITH THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD”

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Lesson 12

Text: I John 5:1-21

I The Faith of the believer

- Whosoever believes is born of God and has Eternal Life 5:1 and 13
- Everyone that believes and loves the Lord, must also love everyone that the Father has begat (fathered). 5:1
- This is the proof to oneself that he loves God when he knows he loves the brethren. 5:2 and II John 5-6
- Remember that the whole law is fulfilled in one word – love. Rom. 13:8-10
- Our position in Christ, (by faith in Christ alone) has given each believer complete – total victory – over the devil, sin, death, and the grave. We are over comers only because we are in Christ 5: 4-5. This is our standing that cannot be changed. By faith, we can also have victory in this life over the world 5:5

II The Faith in the witnesses I John 5:6-9

- The witness of Christ
- The witness of the Holy Spirit
- The witness of God the Father

III The Faith in the record I John 5:10-13

- He that believeth hath a witness to his faith. 5:10
- He that believeth not hath called God a liar. 5:10
- God hath (past tense) given us Eternal Life 5:11-12
- This Life is in his Son 5:11-12 and 5:20
- You can know that you have Eternal Life 5:13

IV The Faith in the brother I John 5:14-21

- To watch over our brother and to pray for our brother who walks in the flesh.
- Keep one another from idols