

Enduring the Turbulence of Life
Part 3-God's Love Revealed Through You!
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Sermon Text - 1 John 4:7-18

7 DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. 8 WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE. 9 THIS IS HOW GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE AMONG US: HE SENT HIS ONE AND ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM. 10 THIS IS LOVE: NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON AS AN ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. 11 DEAR FRIENDS, SINCE GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 12 NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; BUT IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD LIVES IN US AND HIS LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE IN US.

13 THIS IS HOW WE KNOW THAT WE LIVE IN HIM AND HE IN US: HE HAS GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT. 14 AND WE HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT HIS SON TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. 15 IF ANYONE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, GOD LIVES IN THEM AND THEY IN GOD. 16 AND SO WE KNOW AND RELY ON THE LOVE GOD HAS FOR US.

GOD IS LOVE. WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD, AND GOD IN THEM. 17 THIS IS HOW LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE AMONG US SO THAT WE WILL HAVE CONFIDENCE ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT: IN THIS WORLD WE ARE LIKE JESUS. 18 THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE. BUT PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR, BECAUSE FEAR HAS TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT. THE ONE WHO FEARS IS NOT MADE PERFECT IN LOVE.

1. LOVE IS A CHOICE

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD 1 JOHN 4:7

2. LOVE IS OUR IDENTIFIER AS A CHILD OF GOD.

EVERYONE WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. 1 JOHN 4:7

3. LOVE IS ACTION.

This is how God showed his love among us 1 John 4:9

4. LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

5. GOD'S LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE IN US.

his love is made complete in us. 1 John 4:11

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. John 14:12

In this world we are like Jesus. 1 John 4:17

6. LOVE GIVES US CONFIDENCE!

so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment. 1 John 4:17

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

LIFE QUESTIONS?

1. What evidence does the world see that God lives in you? Are you known by your love of God and love of all people?

2. What have you learned about God through the pandemics of 2020?

16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. 1 John 4:16