

## GOD'S LOVE IS SEEN IN US

### I. AN UNLOVING PERSON IS A NOISY GONG – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

The verses in 1 John 4:7-21 are not optional, but are essential for your life.

### II. THE BASIS FOR GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU IS THAT CHRIST DIED FOR YOU – 1 John 4:10

A. By Christ's death and payment for your sins, God was satisfied - propitiation was made.

B. The entire work of God to save you shows His amazing, awesome, eternal love for you. Christ's entire life, and His death, was a demonstration of His love for you. Romans 5:8

C. By the cross you were forgiven of your sins, redeemed out of spiritual slavery, and made a new creature in Christ. By the cross God is your heavenly Father and you are His child. By the cross you were given hope, were given the Spirit, and were made an heir of God.

### III. YOU OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER – 1 John 4:11

You owe God a debt of gratitude; and out of gratitude to God you should love others.

What Jesus Christ did for you should motivate you to love others. 1 John 3:16

### IV. WE CAN'T ACTUALLY SEE GOD, BUT WE SEE HIM IN PEOPLE'S LIVES - 1 John 4:12

A non-Christian sees God's love through God's children – 1 John 4:12, 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16.

### V. WE CAN LOVE OTHERS BECAUSE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – 1 John 4:12

A. If God abides in us then we have a relationship with God; and when God abides in us, then God is living His life through us, and we can love others.

B. God's love is to be perfected in us, and when it is, then we are mature Christians. If you are consistently loving others, then you are a mature and grown up Christian.

### VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HOW GOD ABIDES IN US AND WE ABIDE IN GOD – 1 John 4:13

A. In love God the Father chose you (Titus 3:4). In love Jesus Christ died for you (Titus 3:6). In love the Holy Spirit worked in your life and saved you (Titus 3:5).

B. A Christian can abide in God and in Christ through the work of the Spirit. There has to be a dependence on the Spirit for you to abide in God, for Him to abide in you, and for you to have this intimate relationship with Him. John 14:16-21, Romans 8:4-16

## VII. THE FATHER SENT THE SON TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD – 1 John 4:14

A. We need to be reminded of this most important truth, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. No matter what happens in life, keep reminding yourself that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. 1 John 1:1-4, 4:10

B. Jesus is the Savior of the world, but this doesn't mean He saves every person in the world. Only those who repent of their sins and trust in Christ are saved. John 5:24, Romans 10:13

C. God says "*Savior of the world*" to mean that Jesus is the only Savior in this world – there is no other means by which a person can be saved but through Christ. Acts 4:12, John 14:6

D. John was testifying to this truth, that Jesus was the Savior of the world. We too are to testify, to be witnesses of this truth – Acts 1:8.

## VIII. A CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO CONFESSES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

A. To confess means that you agree with the truth that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus is both God and man, that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One sent by God to be the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:1-3

B. The one who confesses that Jesus is the Son of God abides in God and God abides in him. Again, this truth is repeated (1 John 4:13), for it is such an important truth. To abide in God is a wonderful way to describe your relationship with God and the intimacy you have with Him.

BECAUSE I LIVE YOU, YOU WILL LIVE ALSO.  
IN THAT DAY YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM IN MY FATHER,  
AND YOU IN ME, AND IN YOU.  
John 14:19-20

### SOME QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

1. What is the main thing you believe that God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. What does it mean to be a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal?
3. Take time to think about how God loved you through Christ's death and resurrection for you.
4. Do you see yourself as a mature Christian in the area of love? If not, how can you grow more?
5. What does it mean for God to abide in you and for you to abide in God? Why is this so important?
6. Describe the work of the Holy Spirit in your life, particularly as it relates to abiding.
7. What does it mean when we say that the Son of God is the Savior of the world?