

## **God Is Love**

### **1 John 4:7-11**

#### Main Point:

Love others as God has loved you in Christ Jesus.

#### 1. God's love

#### 2. God's love in the gospel

#### 3. God's love in the Christian life

**A. W. Pink** "It is not simply that God 'loves', but that he is Love itself. Love is not merely one of his attributes, but his very nature."

**John 17:24** 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (NKJV)

**Mark Jones** "If there were no world and no universe, the persons of the Trinity would still have an infinite, blessed, unchangeable, eternal, powerful love between them - an inward love."

**Deuteronomy 7:7-8** 7 The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 but because the LORD loves you ... (NKJV)

**Steven Lawson** "God loves individuals not because of their loveliness - which none have because of their sin - but because He Himself is love. The reason for His love arises from within Himself ..."

**Ephesians 5:25** 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, (NKJV)

**Ephesians 3:19** 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (NKJV)

**John Brine** "The most extensive ideas that a finite mind can frame about Divine love, are infinitely below its true nature."

**Ephesians 1:4-5** 4 ... In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, (ESV)

**C.H. Spurgeon** "God gave God."

**John 13:1** 1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. (NKJV)

**A.W. Pink** "Christ died not in order to make God love us, but because he did love his people. Calvary is the supreme demonstration of Divine love."

**John 17:23** 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (NKJV)

**Mark Jones** "God reveals this intra-Trinitarian love so we might realize that in loving the Son, the Father also loves us."

**Mark Jones** "How can we not love those whom God and Christ love? You cannot love Christ and hate his bride. You must love what he loves."

**John 13:35** 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (NKJV)

**Christopher Wright** "Christian love is a matter of life and death. It's as serious as that. It's what proves you have passed from one to the other."

**A.W. Pink** "How little real love there is for God. One chief reason for this is because our hearts are so little occupied with his wondrous love for his people."