

## Loving Others".

I John 4:7-21

### I. We are called to love each other (v.7-8)

- A. The nature of God is love
- B. The source of love is God
- C. True children of God share the love of God

### II. God showed his love to us by sending Jesus (v.9-10)

- A. Jesus came to give us life

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1John 5:11-12)

- B. Jesus came to be the sacrifice for our sins

"Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood." (Revelation 1:4-5)

### III. God's love motivates us to love others (v. 11-12)

- A. Loving others is evidence of God living in us

"But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another." (1 Thessalonians 4:9)

- B. Loving others makes God's love complete in us

### IV. God's love gives us confidence (v. 13-16)

- A. We have confidence because of the presence of God's Spirit
- B. We have confidence because we believe Jesus is the Savior
- C. We have confidence because we know Jesus is the Son of God

"Jesus said, 'Who do you say that I am!'. Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.'" (Matthew 16:15-16)

- D. We have confidence because trust in the love of God

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge." (Ephesians 3:17-19)

### V. Loving others gives us confidence in the judgment (v.17-21)

- A. As we love others we become more like Jesus
- B. As we experience God's love we find fear is gone
- C. Our love for God must lead to love for others

"This is my command: Love each other" (John 15:17)