

Sermon Notes February 8, 2009

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"GOD IS LOVE" (I John 4:7-21)

Introduction: The love of God is {UNIQUE} from all other forms of love (verse 7). (The Greek word is {AGAPE}.) God is the {SOURCE} of agape` love (verses 7-8). God is the {EXAMPLE} for agape` love (verse 19 & Ephesians 5:25).

I. GOD'S LOVE IS A {SEEKING} LOVE.

*I John 4:9-10 *Romans 5:6-8 *Isaiah 53:5-6 *II Corinthians 5:20-21

Note: The first characteristic of agape love is {PATIENCE} (I Corinthians 13:4 & 7).

II. GOD'S LOVE IS A {SHARING} LOVE.

*I John 4:12-14 John 3:16 *I Corinthians 13:5 *Luke 9:23-24

Note: Selfishness is {NOT} agape love.

III. GOD'S LOVE IS A {SANCTIFYING} LOVE.

*I John 4:15-16 *I John 4:19-21 *Ephesians 5:2

Note: A relationship which does not make you a better {PERSON} is not of God.

IV. GOD'S LOVE IS A {SECURING} LOVE.

*I John 4:17-18 *Romans 8:38-39 *Hebrews 13:5b *Isaiah 54:10

Conclusion: We can learn how to love {OTHERS} by learning how God loves us (John 13:34-35).