



Sermon Outline
June 20, 2021
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Jesus is Love

1 John 4:7-21

Series theme:

Our faith hinges on the identity of Jesus.

Series thought:

What does Jesus' identity reveal about my identity?

* **Jesus is _____:**

Reveals...If He is in me, I will be someone who loves.

* **Love is not only absolutely essential,
but also not _____.**

* **Three reasons why love isn't optional:**

1. Your Father _____ love.

Vs. 7-8 - Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**

* **Love doesn't _____ God, but God defines love.**

* **The presence of true, Christ-like love in a human being is like a _____ to reveal that you are truly a child of God.**

Romans 5:5b - God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

2. Love is how we _____ God.

Vs. 7 - Everyone who loves...knows God.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 16b-17a - Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in Him. This is how love is made complete among us...

* If you want to more fully _____ **God... love others with sacrificial love.**

* If you want to more fully encounter the _____ **of God...love others with sacrificial love.**

* If you want to more fully experience the _____ **of God...love others with sacrificial love.**

* If you want to more fully experience and receive the _____ **of God** for yourself...*love others with sacrificial love.*

3. Love for God and others is _____.

Vs. 20 - Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

It is possible to love without being a follower of Christ, but it is impossible to be a follower of Christ without love.

Matthew 5:44-45a - But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:48 - Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

* **Anyone loved by God is to be loved by us because _____.**

Here's a thought: *What if coming to a service wasn't about what you get out of it, but what you give away to others? What if the main thing wasn't the worship and teaching, but about loving one another—what happened before the service started and after it ended? What if you came each week praying, "God, _____ do you want me to love today?"*