

SERMON-BASED STUDY: WALK IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

1 John 4:7-12, ESV – ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 What does it mean for Jesus to be the "propitiation for our sins"? How does this demonstrate God's love for us?
- 2 How can our love for one another be a reflection of God's love for us?

3 Can we earn God's love? How should this principle be applied to how we love one another?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *Exodus 33:18-20, ESV* – ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”

John 1:14-18, ESV – ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

4 Looking at the passages above, how did God reveal Himself to Moses? How did He reveal Himself to Jesus?

5 In turn, how did Moses reveal God's revelation to the people? How has Jesus revealed God's revelation to people? How does Jesus' revelation surpass Moses' revelation?

6 Since Jesus has made God known to us, how are we to reveal God to others?

B *Ephesians 3:14-19, ESV* – ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

7 In the passage above, what is Paul praying for the Ephesian believers? What is the root, or source, for the things that Paul is praying for?

8 How does God’s love abide in us? How can we continuously abide in His love?

9 What does it mean to “be filled with all the fullness of God”? How is His love perfected in us?

TAKING IT HOME

When we love, people see God. His love abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. How are you doing, walking in love for one another. What is one thing you can do this week to improve in this area? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you strive to walk in love for one another.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

John 15:1-17
Colossians 1:15
1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16