



Series How Can You Be Sure?

Passage 1 John 4:7-18

Title What is Love?

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Discussion Starter – How would you explain what love is from what you have learned through this sermon about the special love of God called “Agape Love”?

God is Love (1 John 4:7-11)

- What are the three statements of fact or evidences seen in a Christian’s life that are described in 1 John 4:7-8?
- We learned that in the Greek language there are four different words used for our English word for love. Phileo, Storge, Eros and Agape in Greek each describe different types of love. Describe the meaning and application of each of these Greek words for love.
- What sets Agape love apart from the rest of the types of love? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-6. What insights do we gain from reading these verses about agape love?
- Why is being born of God a prerequisite to being able to Agape love someone else?
- How did God demonstrate His Agape love for us?
- Explain the meaning and importance of Jesus’ propitiation for our sins.

Everyone Who Loves Knows God (1 John 4:12-16)

- Describe in your own words what these verses say about how we know about God.
- How has your knowing God changed your life and how has this impacted your ability to love others?

Confidence in Christ (1 John 4:17-18)

- What is the judgment mentioned in verses 17-18 that we are to have boldness and confidence in?
- How does John say that we can be assured and confident that we are in Christ?
- Describe the relationship of love and fear and how it affects our lives as Christians.
- Read Jude 1:24-25 and Colossians 1:19-22. What are some of the important promises to remember? How should holding on to these specific truths encourage us to share the love of Christ with others around us?