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## 1 John 4:7-12 – Christmas Love

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<sup>7</sup> **Beloved**, let us **love** one another, for **love** is of **God**; and everyone who **loves** is born of **God** and knows **God**.<sup>8</sup> He who does not **love** does not know **God**, for **God** is **love**.<sup>9</sup> In this the **love** of **God** was manifested toward us, that **God** has sent His only begotten **Son** into the world, that we might live through Him.<sup>10</sup> In this is **love**, not that we **loved** **God**, but that He **loved** us and sent His **Son** [to be] the propitiation for our sins.<sup>11</sup> **Beloved**, if **God** so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another.<sup>12</sup> No one has seen **God** at any time. If we **love** one another, **God** abides in us, and His **love** has been perfected in us.

### 1. Who Should Be Loving? (7a)

*We Are [“Beloved ones”]*

### 2. Who Should We Be Loving? (7a)

*One Another*

### 3. Where Does Love Come From? (7b)

*From God*

### 4. Who Is Able to Love? (7c-8)

*Is born of God & knows God*

- a. *Born → Salvation (Spiritual Birth)*
- b. *Knows → Relating (Spiritual Walk)*

### 5. What Is Love? (9)

- a. *Self-giving sacrifice*
- b. *For eternal benefit*

### 6. Who Started Loving? (10)

*Not US but GOD*

### 7. What Is the Effect of Love on Us? (11)

*That we love one another*

### 8. What Is the Effect of Love on Others? (12a)

*They see God’s love in us*

### 9. What Is the Result of Loving for Us? (12b)

*You do ALL that God wants*