
1 John 4:7-12 – Christmas Love

⁷ **Beloved**, let us **love** one another, for **love** is of **God**; and everyone who **loves** is born of **God** and knows **God**. ⁸ He who does not **love** does not know **God**, for **God** is **love**. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ **Beloved**, if **God** so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another. ¹² 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