

# Love ... in a Culture of Hate

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> **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.** <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

To know \_\_\_\_\_, one must know \_\_\_\_\_.

God doesn't merely "love". He \_\_\_\_\_!

All that He does flows out of \_\_\_\_\_!

God is \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, His love for us is entirely \_\_\_\_\_.

**God's love is ...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ - since it emanates from God Himself
- \_\_\_\_\_ - having no parallel in our experience
- \_\_\_\_\_ - made clearly known in Christ descended
- \_\_\_\_\_ - sent to the world
- \_\_\_\_\_ - in that God gives us His Son
- \_\_\_\_\_ - as it aims to redeem from and destroy sin
- \_\_\_\_\_ - and not based on reciprocity or mutuality
- \_\_\_\_\_ - because the wages of our sin is death
- \_\_\_\_\_ - saving us from sin and giving us life
- \_\_\_\_\_ - enabling us to truly love
- \_\_\_\_\_ - freely given to all who believe

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (ESV)

