

God is Love . . . So, Go Love!

1 John 4:7-12

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Love . . . It is such an overused word. We use it all the time.
We **love** ice cream. We **love** our house. We **love** our family.
We **love** a good steak. We **love** the beach.
We **love** our favorite sports team.
We **love** God ... really? Do we really **love** God?

In 1 John 4, John challenges the believer to authenticate their **love** for God by proactively **loving** others. John is calling on the Christ-follower to be so aware of God's **love** that a supernatural overflow is caring and **loving** for the people around us. John says some key things in these short verses on God's **love** and our **love** for others and how the two intersect.

- The definition of love is **God**. 1 John 4: 8

- At its core, God's love is **sacrificial**. 1 John 4:9-10
“. . .not that we loved God.” verse 10
Romans 5:8

- God's love demands that we selflessly **love others**. 1 John 4: 11
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A few application steps to consider:

- Memorize Matthew 22:37-39.
- Learn to love those outside your relationship pool.
- Join a Growth Group (sign up at our Welcome Center today).

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