

1 John 4:7-8
"Spirit of Love"

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Notes: 1. Introduction

- a. Verses 1-6 other spirits in the world
- b. - Philp 1:9 Christian love to multiply
 - love with discernment & knowledge
- c. Greatest commandments - Mt 22:36-40
 - love God
 - love your neighbor

2. Commandment to Love

- a. Reminder to love
 - Christians to love each other
 - no one excluded - all included
- b. Without love, our actions worthless
 - 1 Cor 13:1-3 - nothing worthwhile
- c. - by this shall all men know that we are Jesus' disciples - love each other
- d. Recipients of love
 - love for all Christians
 - love for every believer in Christ

3. Cause of Love

- a. "Love is of God"
 - presence of Jesus in Christian life
- b. Love's origin - God Himself
 - love is action verb
 - Jn 3:16 God so loved the world
 - Rom 5:8 God demonstrates His love
 - x while we still sinners
 - x Christ died for us

3c. Love's fruit

- everyone who loves God
- Christian born of God
- Christian knows God
- presence of Jesus in Christian life
- fruit of the Holy Spirit - Gal 5:22-23
- Eph 4:32 tenderhearted, forgiveness
 - * "God in us"
- "Christ in me, the hope of glory" - Col 1:27

4. Concern of Love

a. Root problem

- person who does not love
- person could be full of themselves
- question of "will not"
- hate your brother? - 1 Jn 4:20
 - * no love for his brother

b. No acquaintance with God

- do not know God

c. Reflective presence

- God is love
- Christian a reflection of God
- God is gracious & merciful
 - * Eph 2:4 * God rich in mercy
 - * God's great love
 - * Eph 2:7 God will show His rich grace & kindness

d. * Prov 6:16-19 7 things God hates which is opposite of God's love