

1 John 4:12-16
Expression of Love

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1. Introduction
 - a. One evidence of Christian life
 - living in love & loving others
 - b. To know God more
 - God revealed Himself to the world through His Son Jesus
 - * Son of Man * Son of God
 - c. First part of Golden Rule
 - Mk 12:28-30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart
2. Revelation of God (vs. 12)
 - a. Jesus, the glory only begotten of the Father - Jn 1:14
 - no man has seen God (the Father) at any time
 - b. Jesus revealed God in the flesh
 - Jn 1:18 No man has seen God but the only begotten Son declares Him
 - Col. 2:9 in Jesus, all the fullness of the Godhead lives bodily
 - Heb. 1:2-3 God's Son expresses image of the Godhead
 - Jn 14:9 Person who sees Me (Jesus) has seen the Father
 - Jesus making God's love visible
 - c. Christian reflects God the Holy Spirit living inside them (indwelling)
 - gift of the Holy Spirit
 - Christian shows outwardly God's love
 - God's love completed in Christian
 - Jn 13:34 New command, love one another
 - Jn 15:9-10 Continue in Jesus' love - keep God's commands.
3. Reliability of the Holy Spirit (vs 13-14)
 - a. God has given Christian Holy Spirit

- 3b. Some instruction regarding Christian & Holy Spirit
- 1 Thess 5:19 Don't quench the Holy Spirit
 - * quenching: put out fire with water
 - Eph 4:30 Don't grieve the Spirit
 - * grieve: hurting someone deeply
 - Mk 3:29 Blasphemy against Spirit
 - Eph 1:13 sealed with Holy Spirit (also see Eph 4:30)

c. Assurance of Holy Spirit

- that God lives in Christian

d. Testament of Holy Spirit

- God the Father sent God the Son (Jesus) as savior of the world
- Jn 15:26 Spirit of truth shall testify of Me (Jesus)
- 1 Cor 6:18-19 Christian's body is temple of the Holy Spirit

4. Response of the Christian (vs 15-16)

a. Evidence in Christian Confession

- confess that Jesus is Son of God
- Jn 10:30 Jesus confessed, "I and My Father are one"
- * Jn 10:24 Some Jews don't believe Jesus is the Christ (Messiah)
- * Jn 10:31-33 Jews want to kill Jesus

+ in their view, He is only a man

+ in their view, Jesus was making Himself God

* Jn 19:7 Jewish leaders, "He made Himself the Son of God"

b. Evidence of love

- God is love
- God loves all humans
- God lives in Christian
- Christian living in love
- Christians loving each other
- 1 Pet. 3:8-9 compassionate, loving
- Jn 13:35 Love each other as I (Jesus) have loved you