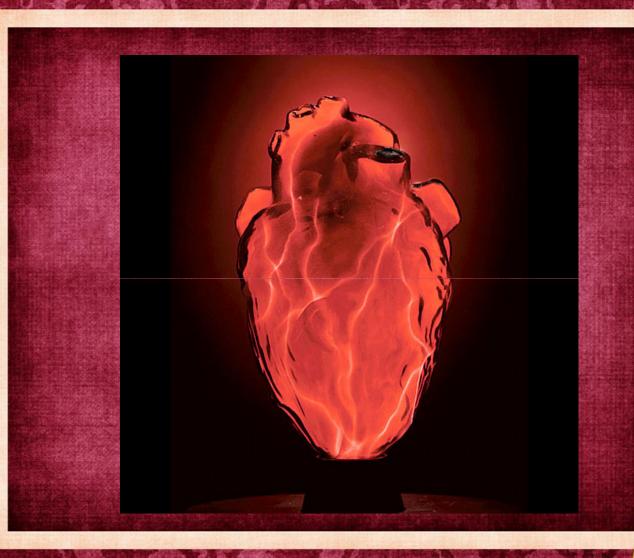
"All You Need Is Love" 1 John 4:7-12 LOVE

Nothing says love like...











- Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day?
 - St. Valentine was an early Christian pastor; martyred in about 270 AD
 - Combine Western mythology & a pagan Roman deity called Cupid...and you get our Valentine's Day!

- We struggle with defining, understanding, and expressing love
 - Movies have tried...
 - Songs have tried…
- We're so messed up on everything; how messed up we are is probably best illustrated in how we view love



- What is love?
- How do we love?
- How do we express love?
- How do we know we are loved?
- These are unanswerable questions if we don't know what love is

• I John 4:7-12

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

- We tend to think of love as something to be gained or lost
 - Augustine: "I was in love with love."
 - C.S. Lewis: "Love begins to be a demon the moment [it] begins to be a god."

- We don't define love through our hazy lens of emotional instability
- God IS love ~ to know what love is we have to know God
- HOW??
 - Scripture and history tell us a lot about God and love...

- 1. The sacrifice of Christ (v 9):
- The amazingly costly gift of Christ
- The object of God's love wasn't responsive
 - Without condition
 - Not limited by emotion



- 2. The life of Christ in us (v 9)
 - The ongoing, life-changing, everlasting effects of Christ's sacrifice
 - Many times our expressions of love are short-term and self-serving



- 3. The grace and freedom of Christ (v 18)
 - Is your love scary?
 - No condemnation or judgement

- Do you know love?
- These verses say we know God as we become loving people (v 7)
 - Does anyone see a supernatural love in you?
 - With whom do you share a love that is born of God?
- God is love & has lived in that love for eternity b/t the Father, Son & the Spirit
- I have little credibility if I don't share in Christ's mission to show that love to others

- "I love you Jesus, and I LOVE your gifts to and sacrifice for me; but I'm not crazy about the crazy people around me."
- God's love is:
 - Sacrificial
 - Unconditional
 - Removes Fear
 - Changes people



- Shows how great God is
 - IS THAT YOUR LOVE?
 - DO YOU KNOW LOVE?
 - DO YOU KNOW GOD?

"The Frazzled Female" for Moms of Preschoolers





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