

"All You Need Is Love"

1 John 4:7-12

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Nothing says
love like...

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- 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!



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- 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



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- 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



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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.

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- 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."



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- 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...



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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



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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

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3. The grace and freedom of Christ (v 18)

- Is your love scary?
- No condemnation or judgement

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- 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



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- "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



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- Shows how great God is

- IS THAT YOUR LOVE?
- DO YOU KNOW LOVE?
- DO YOU KNOW GOD?

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“The Frazzled Female” for Moms of Preschoolers



**Thursday, February 25th,
9-11AM**

@ the Greatwood Chick fil A



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Saturday, February 20

We will participate in a Habitat for Humanity home on February 20.

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When: Monday February 15th

Time: 7-9PM

Where: Pebble Creek Ranch Apartments



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March 5-7

\$49 per student

\$35 for guests

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Weekend Of Champions



March 4th through March 6th

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A large, stylized red letter 'M' with a textured, brushstroke-like appearance. It is positioned on the left side of the logo, with its right vertical stroke overlapping the word 'More'.

More
THAN WORDS





This Easter.....

Show the Love of Jesus with More than words!