

The Love Of God

1 John 4:7-21

The Declarations God's Love

- **John 3:16** Declares the DEGREE of God's love.
 - He "so" loved ... John 3:16 "houtoos" in this manner, thus, so: (Thayer)
 - He Gave His Son. **Phil. 2:5ff; Mt. 27:27-56**

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- This is how a husband loves his wife.
Eph. 5:25
- This is how a mother loves her child.
Tit. 2:4
- This is how a soldier loves his country.
2 Tim. 2:2-3

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- **Rom. 5:8** declares the OBJECTS of God's love.
 - **John 3:16** He loved the world.
 - Sinners. cf. **Eph. 2:1-2**
 - Sin defined. **1 John 3:4; James 4:17**
 - What sin does. **Isa. 59:1-2**
 - Sin carries the death penalty. **Rom. 6:23; Rev. 20:14**
 - What Christ did. **Isa. 53; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 2:9-10**

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- **Rom. 8:35-39** Declares the CONSTANCY of God's love.
 - Nothing can separate us from God's love.
 - But we can separate ourselves from a relationship with God. **Isa. 59:1-2; cf. Rom. 10:21**

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- **1 John 4:9-10** Declares the DESIGN of God's love.
 - That we might have life. cf. **Gal. 3:21, 10, 11;**
 - cf. **John 5:40; 10:10; 20:31**
 - He became a ransom. **Mt. 20:28**
 - He became our propitiation. **1 John 2:2**

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- **1 John 4:9-10** Declares the DESIGN of God's love.
- God's love provides:
 - Life for the spiritually dead. (cf. **Luke 15**)
 - Redemption for those enslaved to sin. **Rom. 3:23-26**
 - Freedom from the bondage of sin. **Rom. 6:16ff; 8:1-2**

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- **1 John 3:1-3** Declares the REWARD of God's love.
 - We are changed:
 - From sinners into sons. **1 John 3:1; Rom. 8:14ff;**
 - Citizens of the kingdom of darkness into citizens of the kingdom. **Col. 1:13-14**
 - Promised a changed body. **1 John 3:2; Phil. 3:20-21**

Motives Of Love

- Admiration.
 - This was not what motivated God's love for man. **Gen. 6:5; cf. John 14:21**
 - This is a motive that causes us to love God. **1 John 4:19**

Motives Of Love

- Gratitude.
 - This was not what motivated God to love us. **Rom. 3:23**
 - Man's love for God should be motivated by what God has done for us. **Rom. 1:21; Col. 3:15**
 - **Ps. 118:19,21,28,29**
 - **Ps. 136:1,2,3,26**
 - **Ps. 138:1,2,4**
 - **Ps. 139:14**

Motives Of Love

- Pity.
 - This was a motive for God to love us. **Prov. 14:12; Isa. 55:8-9; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:1-10**
 - It is not a motive for our love for God.!

Obligations Of Love

- God is not obligated to man. **Eph. 2:4**
- What obligations must we assume if we love God?
 1. We must live for Christ. **2 Cor. 5:14-15; Gal. 2:20; Mt. 6:33**
 2. We must love one another. **1 John 4:11; 20-21**
 3. We must obey his commandments. **John 14:21-24**

Conclusion:

■ The Love Of God.

- Should obligate those outside of Christ to obey the gospel.
- Should obligate those “in Christ” to be faithful in service and worship.

- God first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- Do you love HIM? John 14:15