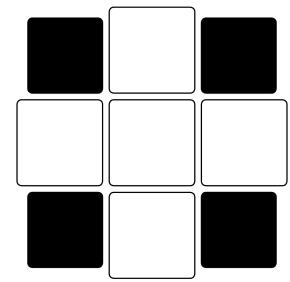


The Love of God

Scripture: **1 John 3:1a**

Series: **Doctrine and Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

Sunday, May 24, 2015



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Overview

The love of God is unlike any earthly love in its unconditional, generous, and sacrificial nature. It is not earned by us, but is graciously given to us and is most clearly seen in Jesus' death for us. Through God's love, we become children of God. Now we must ask ourselves, "how am I responding to this love?"

Corroborating Texts

Romans 8:38–39; Romans 5:8; John 1:11–13; Jude 21

Discussion Questions

1. How does the world define love? How did you understand love differently before you came to faith in Christ and after?
2. Read Romans 8:38–39. What does this passage teach us about God's love?
3. How is God's love 'irrevocable'?
4. Recall the illustration from Richard Sibbs (God's love is like a sun). Discuss this analogy.
5. What does Romans 5:8 teach us about God's love? How does this reality impact how we view God's love?
6. How is God's love unconditional? How is it sacrificial? How is God's love generous?
7. How does God's love transform us?
8. What does it mean to be "adopted by God?" [see John 1:11-13]
9. What does it mean to "abide in God's love?" [see Jude 21]
10. How do you personally respond to the love of God? How are you tempted to disbelieve in God's love? How does the world's conception of love distort a biblical understanding of God's love?