

How Love Leads Us to Love

Scripture: **1 John 4:9-12**

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

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Overview

The Love of God leads to our love for one another. Christ's sacrificial love shows us a clear example of how we are to love one another.

Corraborating Texts

Galatians 4:4-5, Romans 3:23-25, Hebrews 2:14-17, John 17:3, John 6:35

Discussion Questions

1. Explain propitiation as if you were explaining it to a child. Why is propitiation so crucial to understand if we want to understand God's love? What's the danger of just having a vague, general sense of the love of God?
2. How do you know that God loves you? Is that easy or difficult for you to believe? If difficult, what keeps you from believing it? What are the particular false views of God's love that we might be prone to believe?
3. Do you tend to focus more on your love (for others) or God's love? Why do you think this is?
4. Why is the order of God's love leading to our love so important? How can we ensure that we're living this out on a practical level?
5. What are your first thoughts when you hear the term, "eternal life?" Why do you think we're often unmoved at the idea of eternal life? If we correctly view eternal life as knowing Jesus, how does that help us overcome our apathy?