



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

TOPIC: MINISTRY TO ME: LOVE FROM GOD / LOVE FOR GOD

INTRODUCTION

- A. What is Love? _____
- B. Why is it important to Love? _____
- C. One example of Love: The unconditional love of a dog _____
- D. Another example of Love: The nurturing love of a parent _____
- E. The best example of Love: God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) _____

GOD IS LOVE (VV. 7, 8)

- A. Beloved (*agapētos*) _____
- B. let us love one another _____
 - 1. Love (*agapaō*) (the tense refers to continuous or repeated action)
 - 2. "Let us continue to love one another"
- C. Love is of God _____
 - 1. Love is the evidence that a person is born of God and knows God
 - 2. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love

LOVE IS A VERB (VV. 9, 10)

- A. God showed us how much God loves us _____
- B. **Romans 5:8**, ⁸ *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* _____
- C. We now live through Jesus _____
- D. **Acts 17:28**, ²⁸ *for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'* _____
- E. God initiated our Love Relationship _____
- F. How do I respond to God's love pursuit of me? _____

I LOVE GOD (V. 19)

- A. Do I love God? _____
- B. Why do I love God? _____
- C. I love God because God first loved me _____