

God is Love Series

Love is who God is...

Lesson Two

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IJohn 4:10 – Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Lesson Notes:

(IJohn 4:10) – The love relationship between God and man was not initiated by a natural human affection towards God. Man is not prone to love God; it is not in his nature. In contrast, God's nature to love man is demonstrated by sending Himself through the presentation of the Son of God (God actively present on Earth) to become a propitiation (substitute) to bear the consequence of all the sins of humanity.

In contrast to the practice of human love, God's love does not evaluate a person's qualities or shortcomings of a person to determine if love is earned or deserved. He loves without context because love is who He is.

God's love looks for those not aligned with Him, including those who oppose Him and stand against Him. He extends love first before judgment with an intent to reconcile the rebellious and disobedient as His first option.

IJohn 4:16 – And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Lesson Notes:

(IJohn 4:16) – The children of God have experienced His love. They are the benefactors of His love without condition or judgment. The experience of receiving “perfect love” (unlimited and unconditional love) removes all doubt, leaving the benefactor with absolute assurance and belief that God loves them.

God’s love is eternal and permanent. The experience of God’s love is not temporary. His love is not scheduled; it is constant. God’s love does not visit us under special conditions. God is love, and His love is always present. If we dwell (reside) in His love, which is always available, we will always have access to His presence. Residing in His love exposes us to His presence and allows God to live in us.

IJohn 4:19 – We love him because he first loved us.

Lesson Notes:

(IJohn 4:19) – The foundation of man’s love toward is God’s love for man first. God’s nature to love man unconditionally, naturally, and without making a choice becomes the impetus for man recognizing the “perfect love”; love is so complete that nothing is left wanting or missing.

When we recognize the extent to which God’s love has rescued us from sin and iniquities without judgment, we are compelled to love Him.

We cannot take credit for loving God, regardless of the passion we carry for Him; it is all spawned by His first love nature.