

# Abiding in Light, Love, and Life

## *The Proof is in the Love*

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1 JOHN 4:7-21

### **Overview**

Love is the evidence of abiding in God. It ought to be the Christian's defining quality.

### **Notes**

1. We love because God loves us.

a. Love is His nature (we reflect)

b. Love is His example (we follow)

2. We love because God lives in us.

a. He enables us by His Spirit

b. He enables us through gratitude

### **Personal Application**

1. The context of this love is sacrificial – Jesus' example.

2. How do I love like Jesus?

### **Reflection Questions**

1. Is there something in this passage that stood out to you? Why? How were you impacted by it?
2. How does the passage (1 John 4:7-21) communicate elements of the gospel?
3. Read John 13:34-35. What similarities and parallels do you see between the two passages?
4. Read Matthew 18:23-33. How does this passage relate to loving others?
5. What can I do this week to be a more loving person?