



1 JOHN ABIDING IN JESUS CHRIST

Lesson Nine

1 John 4: 7-12

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God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your definition of love? Where did you first learn what love really is?
2. According to John, knowing God and loving others are deeply connected. (See 1 John 4:7-8) Is love essential to knowing God? Why or why not?
3. In 1 John 4:8 John tells us that “God is love.” How is this phrase often used out of context in our culture today? What did John ultimately mean?

4. How did God show His love for us? How does this shape the way we think about genuine love?

5. Why is it significant that God loved us first? What does this teach us about the grace of God?

6. How do we reveal God to a world that cannot see Him? What are some practical ways you can do this in your everyday life?