



Sermon Notes: The Evidence is Love

Key Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21|

The apostle John, by the Spirit, wrote, "God is love," and some have taken his words to be a definitive statement concerning the essential nature of God. This is a great error. John was by those words stating a fact...he was not offering a definition...Equating love with God is a major mistake...If love is equal to God then God is only equal to love, and God and love are identical. Thus we destroy...all His attributes save one, and that one we substitute for God.

The words "God is love" mean that love is an essential attribute of God. Love is something true of God but it is not God. -Tozer

What John Teaches Us About Love:

God Loved Us First.

1 John 4:10 & 19

Because God Loves Us, We Should Love Others.

1 John 4:11 & 21

Loving Others Is Evidence We Love God.

1 John 4:12 & 16

If We Don't Love Others, The Love of God Is Not In Us.

1 John 4:7b-8 & 20

The Evidence of God's Love Is Jesus

1 John 4:9-10

Application:

1. Do You Believe God Loves You? Have You Received His Love?
2. Are You Loving Others?
3. Who Do You Hate?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 To See How You're Doing.