

Manifested Love  
1 John 4:7-11

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Manifested love is demonstrated in...

God's Character. (7-8)

Christ's Coming. (9-10)

Christian Community. (11)

### **[Sermon Summary]**

John's emphasis on love among the people of God is powerful. Here, he shows why it is so important to love. If love is of God, then those who claim to be born of God, and claim to know God, must be able to love one another in the body of Christ. John insists that there is something that is given to the believer when they are born of God; a love is imparted to their life that they did not have before. Christians are not just forgiven – they are born anew by God's Spirit, to love. When we say GOD is Love, we are not saying everything about God. Love is an essential aspect of His character, and colors every aspect of His nature. We know His holiness to be love, and the righteousness of God to be love, and so on. Therefore, we are of God, then we are loving to the people of God.

### **[READ 1 John 4:7-11]**

#### ***Discussion Starters:***

[The discussion starters are designed to help each other apply God's Word to our week. The idea is to help others continually take steps of obedience to God's voice in our lives.]

What did God speak to you personally through the message this weekend? How does the character of God control and affect your life? What does it look like in your life, [spouse, kids, co-workers, neighbors] to love like Christ loves you? What is God doing in your life by continually showing you love? What changes do you need to make this week to love others, the way Christ loves you? How can you live this message out in your life over the next seven days? Be as specific as you can.