

Christmas and God's Love
1 John 4:7-21, Pew Bible p. 1023
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I. Love is From God (V. 7-12)

- A. We know God loves because He is the author of love.
 - 1. God alone knows what love is.
 - 2. God alone shows love perfectly.
- B. God's greatest act of love is the Nativity.
 - 1. It was what we needed.
 - 2. It was not what we deserved.

II. Those Who Love Are From God (V. 13-21)

- A. The only way for you to love like God is for God to live in you.
 - 1. True love requires knowing God.
 - 2. True love requires belief in Jesus Christ.
- B. If God lives in you, the love of God is perfected.
 - 1. It is perfected in our belief of His love for us.
 - 2. It is perfected in our giving of His love to others.

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 John 4:7-21.
2. How should God's love for us impact our love for others, according to verses 7-12?
3. Why is it important that we know love comes from God?
 - a. Do people today struggle with having the wrong idea of what love is?
 - b. What happens to a society that loses sight of a godly definition of love?
4. What role does the nativity of Christmas have in explaining to us God's love, according to verses 9-10?
5. Why do we need God to abide in us for us to love the way He commands, according to verses 13-16?
6. What does the love of God have to do with the security of the believer, according to verses 17-18?
 - a. How has God's love helped guard you against fear?
 - b. How has God's love helped you love others?
7. Pray for our church members to love others well in this Christmas season. There is no prayer meeting this week, but please consider praying and worshiping with us at the Christmas Eve Service.