

To Know God Is to Love People

1 John 4:7-12

1. True love is rooted in God.

a. God is the source of love.

1 John 4:7a | ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God,

b. Grace is the means of love.

1 John 4:7b-8a | ^{7b} and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸
Anyone who does not love does not know God,

c. God is the standard of love.

1 John 4:8 | ^{8b} because God is love.

2. True love is revealed in Christ.

1 John 4:9a | In this the love of God was manifested among us,

A. God sent His Son to bring life.

1 John 4:9b | that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him

B. God sent His Son to bring reconciliation.

1 John 4:10a | ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son

C. God sent His Son to bring freedom.

1 John 4:10b | ^{10b} to be the propitiation for our sins.

3. True love is to be reflected in us.

1 John 4:11-12 | 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.