

Questions Through 1 John

Lesson 9: What does it mean love is of God?

1 John 4:7-8



- * In (1 John 4:7–8), the apostle John returns to one of his favorite subjects—love. He starts by clarifying that the believer’s ability to love comes from _____ God (1 John 4:8).
- * John explains that the _____ of all love is the divine nature of God. Love has its _____ in God because God is love by His very essence.
- * Love is the litmus test of an _____ relationship with God. God’s nature is love; therefore, we will _____ love. Demonstrating Christian love _____ the reality of our spiritual life.
- * If we want to be like _____, we will care deeply about the well-being of _____ because God is love. Love is not only _____ God is but He does (1 John 4:9).
- * Only those born of God’s Spirit can _____ in the fullness of its expression, which is sacrifice (1 John 3:16).
- * By nature, human love is _____ and _____. God’s love is _____ love. Agape loves those who don’t _____ our love, those who disappoint us, mistreat us, reject us, and even hate us. Agape love is of God, initiated by God (John 3:16, 15:12–13).
- * God chose to reveal _____ to the world through the way _____ others (John 13:34–35).
- * “Love is of God” means that the love we show to others _____ from Him, the source. Believers can love with God’s heart “because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).