

# VOLUME 7, UNIT 20, SESSION 3 (CSB)

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## **POINT 1: THE NATURE OF LOVE** (1 JOHN 4:7-10)

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

## **POINT 2: THE PRIMACY OF LOVE** (1 JOHN 4:11; 1 COR. 13:1-3)

<sup>1</sup> John 4:11 Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

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<sup>1</sup> Corinthians 13:1 If I speak human or angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I give away all my possessions, and if I give over my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

## **POINT 3: THE CHARACTER OF LOVE** (1 COR. 13:4-7)

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, <sup>5</sup> is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

