



This is Love

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OT Reference: Jeremiah 31:3 **NT Reference:** John 1:18, 3:16, 13:34 - 35; Rom. 3:25, 5:8; 1 Cor. 13,15:3; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:2, 3:16, 4:19; Heb. 2:17

1 John 4:9 – 12 ⁹ *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.* ¹⁰ *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* ¹¹ *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.*

In this text, the Apostle John reminds the original letter’s recipients that God loved them _____, they are to love one another and complete his love.

For us today, we must grasp the same thing: God loved us first, we ought to love one another, and this completes God’s love in _____ midst.

➔ We _____ because God loved.

➤ _____ **has loved. (vs. 9 – 10a)**

- **We have life because of this.**
- **Not _____.**
- **God.**

➤ _____ **we have been loved. (vs. 10b)**

- **He sent His Son.**
- **His Son was a propitiation.**

² *He is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1Jo 2:2 ESV)*

¹⁷ *Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people. (Heb 2:17 ESV)*

²⁵ *whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. (Rom 3:25 ESV)*

“Propitiation teaches us that God’s holiness required satisfaction and that God’s love provided satisfaction.” – Danny Akin

▪ **For our _____.**

“God took his own loving initiative to appease his own righteous anger by bearing in His own self in His own Son when he took our place and died for us.” – John Stott

“Forgiveness is at the heart of atonement and the clearest expression of God’s love.” – Karen Jobes

➤ _____ **we should love. (vs. 11)**

- **God loved us in this way.**
- **We ought to love one another.**

“So when he says, ‘We **ought** to love each other,’ he means **ought** the way fish ought to swim in water and birds ought to fly in the air and living creatures ought to breathe and peaches ought to be sweet and lemons ought to be sour and hyenas ought to laugh. And born again people ought to love. It’s who we are.” – John Piper

➤ _____ **His love does. (vs. 12)**

- **Gives evidence to God’s presence in our _____.**

BY

- **Working through our _____.**

▪ **Loving one another.**

³⁵ *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Joh 13:35 ESV)*

▪ **Loving _____.**