## Introduction

- 1. 1 John 4:7-21
- 2. 22 times within this passage love is mentioned, verse 11 beloved
- 3. The love of God is a remarkable subject, one of which we may never be fully ready to comprehend, it is a life time study, it is so deep
- 4. There are three fronts of love mentioned in this passage. God's love for us, our love for God, and our love for one another.
- 5. Let us discuss this love

## II Discussion

- 1. What is love?
  - 1. Webster has three kinds of love
    - 1. Strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties
    - 2. Attraction based on sexual desires
    - Affection based on admiration
  - 2. There are degrees of love? Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:26; Malachi 1:2-3; Romans 9:13
  - 3. This love is agape the deepest kind of love 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
  - 4. There is knowledge in love, 13, 16 to be taking in knowledge
  - 5. Love is completed on the Judgment day 17
- 2. God's love for us.
  - 1. God loved the world, but it has so loved adverb of degree
  - 2. God commendeth 9 demonstrates Romans 5:6-9
  - 3. God's love quickens us (made us alive) Ephesians 2:4-7
  - 4. God's love chasten us Hebrews 12:6
  - 5. God's love allows us to become His children 1 John 3:1; John 1:12
  - 6. God's love makes us favorable 1 John 4:10; 2:2; Romans 3:25
- 3. Christ love for us.
  - 1. Christ loved us so much that He gave Himself 1 John 3:16; Galatians 2:20
  - 2. We can not know the size of this love! Ephesians 3:17-19; Romans 8:35

## III Conclusion

- 1. Brethren we need to understand that God loves us
- 2. Knowledge is needed to know God
- 3. Since God loves us it is an exacting kind of love
  - 1. Trying or unremitting; serve in making demands
  - 2. Requiring careful attention and precise accuracy
- 4. Will you manifest your love for God today?
- 5. Come now.

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