

**True Valentine Love**  
**1 John 4**

- I. God's Love Vs 1-12
- A. Love-[agape]
1. Used \_\_\_\_\_ times in 1 John 4
  2. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the will with the end result being joy, happiness, and fulfilment in that something or someone
  3. It is the strongest form of devotion and commitment demonstrated by \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Love has its \_\_\_\_\_ in God and He alone is the Source of true love Vs 7
1. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_ 4:19
  2. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_ John 3:26; Rom 5:18 *God displayed his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
  3. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_ Jer 31:3b *I have loved you with an everlasting love.*
  4. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_-giving Vs 9
- C. John now tells his readers that the experience of God's love is an integral part of our essential \_\_\_\_\_ with God. He then repeats that sentence in negative parallelism to make the point; if we do not experience love we are not experiencing \_\_\_\_\_, Vs 7-8
- D. There is no confusion in John's order; we do not \_\_\_\_\_ God's love by our acts of love, but rather it is our experience of God's love that provides the inner \_\_\_\_\_ for our expressing Christ-like love to others. Vs 9
- E. We are not told to create or develop a \_\_\_\_\_ of love. Rather we are to love others with the quality of love we have received from God.
1. We learned what love is at the \_\_\_\_\_ when we were saved and adopted into God's family.
  2. We \_\_\_\_\_ to learn what love looks like in our daily Christian walk with its ups and downs.
  3. New Testament love is a \_\_\_\_\_ not an ideal.
    - a. If love were only an ideal, then it could be described by a list of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b. But love is a dynamic and growing \_\_\_\_\_ of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
    - c. When we lose our living relationship with God's love it is not that God leaves us; it is that \_\_\_\_\_ leave Him. Vs 10-12

- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love Vs 13-20
- A. The witness of the Holy Spirit within us is clear witness from God that we \_\_\_\_\_ to God through the new birth Vs 13-14
- B. **Confess**-To make a statement based on \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and experience. This type of confession can only be made from a heart that has been \_\_\_\_\_ by the work of God, the Holy Spirit Vs 15
- C. The end result of the New Birth, and the inward work of the Holy Spirit in the believer is a confidence in the love that God has for us which results in a \_\_\_\_\_ style of living, with God being our focus and the One in control of our actions, and words. Vs 16
- D. Transformation of the live of the believer to \_\_\_\_\_ more like Christ Vs 17
- E. We are open and honest before God as His love \_\_\_\_\_ within our lives especially in the face of the day of God's judgment. Vs 17
- F. John makes the promise that as we \_\_\_\_\_ God's love for us in Jesus Christ, we will have no fear of God's judgment. Vs 17
- G. *This lack of fear is possible because the love I received was discovered at the moment of my deepest need and vulnerability ("If we confess our sin ..."); therefore, once I know I am loved*

*when I am empty-handed, this sets me free from the depressive self-doubt about my future acceptability. God has already seen me completely and has loved me in that total vulnerability and in that stark light; therefore, the light of further judgment (crisis) is not really a new reality with which I must cope. The Christ I met on the road as my redeemer is the Christ I meet in judgment as my Lord.* [Palmer, E. F., & Ogilvie, L. J. (1982). *1, 2 & 3 John/ Revelation* (Vol. 35, p. 66). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Inc.]

- H. No *Fear*-no need to \_\_\_\_\_ because of terror; It means to not be frightened, in the sense of alarm, or terror Vs 18a
- I. *Torment*-the kind of fear listed here results in torment in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one fearing.
- J. As God's love matures in our lives on a day-to-day basis, the result is that fear is \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 18b
- K. *Perfect*-\_\_\_\_\_, sound, upright Vs 18c (The kind of love that only God can give)
- L. We love (him) omitted in older manuscripts..."We love because He first loved us" Vs 19
- M. Vs 20-21 are a commentary on Vs 19

True Valentine love is a \_\_\_\_\_ love that does not go away and does not create a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in the recipient. It is self-sacrificing and only wishes the \_\_\_\_\_ for the one loved. True Valentine love \_\_\_\_\_ the love God has for his children.