

**The Cascades of Love – Part 3**  
**God's Love for Us**  
**1 John 4:7-21**

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- I. The Eternal Source of the Powerful Stream of God's Love
- II. The First Cascade: God's Love for Us
- III. The Second Cascade: God's Love for Us
- IV. The Third Cascade: Our Love for Others
  - A. Love's Expression
    1. Heart Obedience to God's Commands Concerning My Relationship to Others
    2. Costly Sacrifice and Forbearance With One Another
    3. Clearing Misunderstandings and Offenses as Soon as Possible and as Confidentially as Possible
  - B. Love's Authenticating Evidence
    1. Sincerity
    2. Truth and Righteousness
    3. Perseverance
  - C. Practical Uses of this Doctrine
    1. Ill-will, resentment, or bitterness toward others is far more significant than we will tend to think. It may be symptomatic of losing sight of the love of God toward us, and of a cooling of our love to God.
    2. God will not receive our worship, service, and obedience, if there is harbored and unrepentant lack of love toward others in us.
    3. The Christian's love for others will be of the same kind and quality for all, yet certainly deeper and greater for other Christians.