

# A *Never-Changing* God in an *Ever-Changing* World

The Permanency of God's Love in a fickle, capricious, and transient world

1 John 4:7-12

## Introduction

Wrong reasons that might motivate Christians' obedience:

- 1) Servile fear
- 2) Sense of duty
- 3) *Quid pro quo*

Now more than ever, people need to *see* the love of God in action.

People need to see our God who is *love*.

## v7

"Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible."

God's eternal nature is the source of all brotherly love.

Romans 5:5

2 Corinthians 5:15

A love that must be "practiced."

1 John 2:29

1 John 3:10

To truly know God is to *love* God.

## v8

**God did not love us because He saw anything worthy in us.**

Hosea 14:4

The OT prophets had a lot to say about the faithlessness and infidelity of God's people:

Deuteronomy 31:16; Psalm 106:39; Jeremiah 3:1-3; Ezekiel 6:9

Hosea 1:2

Jeremiah 31:13

John 13:1

**God did not love us because of our good deeds:**

2 Timothy 1:8-9

Titus 3:4-5

**God's love is a holy love.**

**God's love is expressed with truth and acceptance, not tolerance and approval.**

God's love is not predicated on worthiness. It does not look to the deservedness of its object.