

Jesus

The Manifestation of God's Love

Introduction:

1. God made known His love for man in various ways...
 - a. Adam & Eve - *Provided all they need (Tree of Life)*
 - b. Noah - *Provided way of escape from Flood*
 - c. Abraham - *Promised seed line*
 - d. Abraham - *Provided substitute for Isaac*
 - e. Nation of Israel - *Provided deliverance from slavery*
 - f. Nation of Israel - *Provided His law to guide them*
2. Yet, the greatest manifestation of God's love is Jesus (1 John 4:9).
3. God loves you so much...

I. That He Separates You (1 John 4:4-6)

- A. 4:5 – The world loves worldly things.
- B. 4:6 – The follower of God loves godly things.
- C. 4:4 – The godly have the victory in Christ.
 1. If we understand the love of God, we will be separated.
 2. If we know God loves us, we know He seeks our best.

II. That He Stirs You (1 John 4:7-8, 11)

- A. 4:8 – God is love.
- B. 4:7 – God is the source of love.
- C. 4:11 – God is the example of love.
- D. Thus, God motivates us to love each other as He loves!
 1. To love the lost...
 2. To love the saved...
 3. To love ourselves...
 4. To love God...

III. That He Saves You (1 John 4:9-10)

- A. 4:10 – Jesus is the suitable sacrifice for my sins.
- B. 4:9 – Jesus is the source of life.
 1. The good life here on earth...
 2. Eternal life in Heaven...

Conclusion:

1. Jesus gives us God's final law to man, by which we may be saved.
2. Jesus gives us deliverance from the bondage of sin.
3. Jesus is the perfect substitute for the penalty of sin.
4. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham.
5. Jesus is the way of escape from the destruction of the world by fire.
6. Jesus gives us access to all that we need, even the tree of life in Heaven.