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Sermon: "How's Your Love Life?"

Scripture: I John 4:7-10

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

-I John 4:7-10 (New International Version)

Introduction

- The Word "love" in some form occurs 32 times in Chapters 4:7 through 5:3.
- 43 times it is used in the entire letter.
- Everyone believes that love is important, but love is usually thought of as a feeling.
- Love is a choice and an action as I Corinthians 13:4-7 shows.
- Jesus is our example of Agape Love.
- The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be like Jesus and demonstrate that kind of love everyday.
- How well do you display your love for God in the choice you make and the actions you take? What's Biblical love like?

I. Biblical Love is Specific (4:7)

- It is a Personal Responsibility.
- It is a Comprehensive Responsibility.

II. Biblical Love is Supernatural (4:7-8)

- It shows you are born of God. (V.7)
- It shows you know God. (V.8)

III. Biblical Love is Seen (4:9-10)

- God sent his Son that we might live. (V.9)
- God sacrificed his Son, which proved his love. (V.10)

Conclusion

- God's kind of love is specific, supernatural, and seen by all.
- Agape Love is unconditional love.
- John 3:16, God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to die for us that we might find everlasting life, the forgiveness of sin and great joy in serving Christ and one another.
- You can find purpose and meaning for your life if you only let Christ be Lord of your life..