

# SERMON NOTES

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## Love Toward Christ / Love of Christ

John 3:16 *"For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life."*

What is the difference between authentic Christianity and a false religion?

It is the difference between God loving us \_\_\_\_\_ and a person demanding that we love, \_\_\_\_\_ and serve them sacrificially.

1 John 4:7-21. *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ... **19** We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

Three key truths:

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in His Love
3. Love One \_\_\_\_\_

From Got Questions: "The source of all love is the divine nature of \_\_\_\_\_.

Love has its origin in God because God is love by His very essence."

God's love is \_\_\_\_\_ not self-seeking.

If we are children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, we \_\_\_\_\_ in His love nature. 1 John 4:12 *"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us."*

God the Father sent God the \_\_\_\_\_ in human flesh to live among us as Immanuel.

God \_\_\_\_\_ the chasm that has separated us from God with His \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 4:9 *"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him".*

1 John 3:16 *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters"*

Luke 6:27-33, *"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. . . . Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that"*

Be like Jesus.

John 15:12-13 *"Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends".*