

Cycle Three: Right Loving
Love, John 1 John 4:7-21

Verse: 1 John 4:7-10

Homework: 1 John 5

Review:

- Right Thinking: Correct Belief about Jesus
- Right Loving: Love One Another
- Right Living: Becoming who you are in Christ

Love, Love, Love

1 John 4:7-21

- The source of Love: God! 4:7-12
 - Love emanates from God – the source and supply.
 - Love demonstrates relationship.
 - Love = Knows God/ No Love = Doesn't know God.
 - The definition of love: The ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world!
 - God is love.
 - Love actively works for the best interest of the other!
 - Our response: If God loved us so much, we ought to love one another!
- Living in Love (including Right Thinking!!) 4:13-16a
 - Question: How can we know that we live in him?
 - Answer #1: By the Spirit he has given us.
 - Trinitarian Theology: Given the Spirit, Father sent the Son to be the Savior!
 - Answer #2: By acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God.
 - Answer #3: By relying on the Love God has for us!
 - Result: REMAIN! ABIDE! LIVE in Him!
- Confidence/ Assurance emanating from Love 4:16b-18
 - God is love! (Second time in passage!)
 - Live in Love!
 - The result is confidence before God.
 - We have nothing to fear!
 - Fear is a result of impending judgment!
 - All of our sins have been forgiven...
 - The love of God covers all of our sin!
 - Love in action leads to assurance of salvation!
- Love Received & Love Freely Given 4:19-21
 - Our love is a by-product of God's love for us!
 - If you claim to love God and hate your brother = "Liar!"
 - If you don't love the brother you can see, how can you love God (whom you have not seen!)?
 - Love God & Love one another! See Matthew 22:37-40

Key:

- Love God & Love one another!

Application:

- What can you do to demonstrate love to one another?