

FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 4:12-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“What’s Love Got to Do With It?” - Part 2

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Fellowship, Love, God is Love, Christianity

1.) God’s love is an active love **vv. 12-16**

2.) God’s love is a powerful love **vv. 17-18**

3.) God’s love is a creative love **vv. 19-20**

4.) God’s love is a motivating love **vv. 21**

1.) God’s love is an active love **vv. 12-16**

1a.) Love allows us to see God’s invisible nature **v.12**

1b.) Love confirms to us that he lives in us

v.13

1c.) Love convinces us that Jesus is the savior

Verse 14

1d.) Love unites us together with the trinity of God

Verse 15

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What's Love Got To Do With It?

1e.) Love comforts us to know that we are his

Verse 16

16 And we have **known** and **believed** the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Ever Christian can receive
His comfort Because God has set His love upon us in a very
powerful way.

We need to realize how much He loves us at all times.

John 15:9

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you;
abide (continue on) in My love.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

2.) God's love is a powerful love

vv. 17-18

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

2a.) Love makes us bold and daring in this world

Verse 17

Love has been **perfected** among us in this: **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment**; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Because He loves us,

with a total and complete love there is nothing for us to be nervous about especially when the on the day of judgement. This boldness causes us to be as confident in this world as Jesus was.

John 15:13

"Greater (bold) love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

2b.) Love overpowers all of our fears

Verse 18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

When we believe that God

Really does love us, then nothing can conquer us or defeat us because we are the object of His love. When we do not believe in Him, then we are fearful, timid and unproductive.

There is no fear in love;
but perfect love casts out fear....

because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Psalm 16:11b

...Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

When We Arrive There

What's Love Got To Do With It?

3.) God's love is a creative love

vv. 19-20

We love Him because He first loved us.²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

What's Love Got To Do With It?

3a.) Love originates with God alone

Verse 19

We love Him because He first loved us.

We cannot take any credit

at all for having loved God because He not only loved us first
but he loved us the best, from the beginning.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

3b.) Love reaches out beyond our boundaries

Verse 20

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar;
for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen,
how can he love God whom he has not seen?

The Christian would never become

An island isolated from the world. The heart of the believer is to
love others as if the other were God standing before them.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

4.) God's love is a motivating love

vv. 21

And this commandment we have from Him:
that he who loves God must love his brother also.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

4a.) Love compels us to love our brothers

Verse 21

And this commandment we have from Him:
that he who loves God **must love** his brother also.

We must love

(It's in our new blood now)

John 17:21

that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ compels us...

Compels us to...

I John 3:17-18

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

What's love got To do with it?