

1 John 4:7-21

One Point: The love that is God fundamentally changes us

1. What would be the Russian equivalent of your name? Be creative
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Read v. 7-11

1. What is one way that being loved by someone has impacted you?
 2. What are some things that hinder love?
 3. How do we overcome those things?
 4. What does verse 8 mean to you?
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Read v. 12-16

1. What does it mean that God's love has been perfected in us?
 2. How does God occupy us?
 3. How to we abide in God?
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Read v. 17-21

1. Without fear how can love "become perfected"?
 2. Can we fully love someone if we are afraid them leaving?
 3. If we truly love God, will we naturally become more loving towards people?
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What I will be talking about

You can have perfect morality and doctrine...and still fall off/still go to hell/still be questioned for removal. Why? because while moral obedience and doctrine allow us to know about god, it is love that enables us to know god and the life he has for us in his love, and the occupation of himself in us by his spirit, it is love that leads us to turn up the volume of our relationship with god and it is the engagement of his initial love that enables us to have any idea what love actually is. Might we return to the first love. Might we take John's writings seriously. Might we truly love god passionately and love others intentionally. Might we be the body of believers god has designed and desires for us to be.