

## #4 Confident In Love And Judgment 1 John 4:1-21 (ESV)

**1 John 4:8-10** *Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.*

### Love Demonstrated

1. Love can only be **UNDERSTOOD** by **PRACTICE**.
2. We are commanded to **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**.

**1 John 4:7** *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

- a. God is the **SOURCE** of Love.  
1 John 4:8
- b. We have been **BORN** of God and **KNOW** God.
- c. God is **LOVE** but love is not **GOD**.

### Love Defined

God's great love is defined in at least 5 ways...

1. It was God's great love that motivated the **MISSION**.
2. It was God's great love that caused Him to **SEND HIS SON**.
3. It was God's great love that defined **THE PURPOSE OF SENDING JESUS**.
4. It was God's great love that **ORIGINATED** with Him, **NOT US**.
5. It was God's great love that was demonstrated **BY THE COST**.  
Propitiation – what does this mean?

### Love Developed

1. Love is not **OPTIONAL**; it's **OBLIGATORY**.
2. Love is not predicated on **LIKE**.
3. The love of God is the answer to the quest for **VALUE, MEANING AND PURPOSE**.
4. The greatest love you can show to those who don't know Jesus is **TO TELL THEM ABOUT HIM**.

### Love On The Day Of Judgment

1. There is no **FEAR** in love, so those who have and know love should be **CONFIDENT** on the day of judgment.

**1 John 4:15-18** *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.*

**Is The Love Of God On You?  
Are You Loving God And Loving Others  
In The Way You Are Loved?**

**What's Your Direction?  
Are You Living A Life That Is  
Heading Toward Jesus Or Away From Jesus?**