

**Light, Love, & Life Series:**  
**How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred**  
**What's Love Got To Do With It? Part 1**  
**What Is Love?**  
**1 John 4:7-10**

- I. Love Shows That We Truly Know God (7-8)
  - A. Love on both planes
    - 1. Love of one another
    - 2. Love of God
    - 3. Love from God
  - B. True love stems from new birth and spiritual awakening
    - 1. This does not mean that those who are not believers cannot love on some level
    - 2. This does not mean that believers love perfectly at all times
- II. God Has Made Love Known Through Jesus (9)
  - A. "The love of God was manifested"
    - 1. Made clear; appeared; made known
    - 2. How do we know the love of God?
  - B. Through the Incarnation
    - 1. He sent His Son
    - 2. For the purpose of giving us life
- III. What Is Love? (10)
  - A. What love is not
    - 1. Sentimentality
    - 2. Biological attraction
    - 3. High regard for a thing that makes you happy/feel good
    - 4. Not always pretty
    - 5. Not always simple
    - 6. Not just a noun

- B. What love is
  - 1. An attribute of God, that he shares with those made in His image
  - 2. Filled with self-sacrificial, self-denying action
  - 3. The perfect picture of love is the sending of Jesus as the atoning sacrifice for our sins
  - 4. It always seeks the best for the other, even if the best is the hardest thing (plagues of Egypt; rich young ruler; cross of Christ)