

# WE LOVE GOD'S PEOPLE

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**Sermon Theme: God's initiating love through the gospel of Jesus Christ compels Christians to respond in love for one another, as they are being perfected in love until Jesus returns in glory! So, in light of the gospel, true believers must love sacrificially and intentionally toward all of God's people.**

## **I. Love Commanded – Read 1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-18; 4:7**

- A. What are the different ways that John commands believers to love one another? (1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-18; 4:7).
- B. When John says, “love one another” in 4:7, who is his intended audience? What specific evidence do we have in chapter 4 to convince us of his intended audience?
- C. How would you define love?

## **II. Love Exhibited – Read 1 John 4:7-11**

- A. In 1 John 4:7-12, what are the two reasons for loving the body of Christ?
- B. Read 1 John 4:9-10. How would you interpret this verse? How would you explain the fact that we didn't love God but that He loved us?
- C. What does propitiation mean? Why is “propitiation” critical to grasping God's love for us?
- D. If God's love for us is the motivation for our love for one another, what practical things can you do to keep the gospel central in your life?

## **III. Love For God's People Applied**

- A. If you were to evaluate your heart, what motivates your love for others? What would be some competing motivations (i.e., fear of man, manipulation tactics, desire to be loved) to love others?
- B. In what areas of life have you seen God transform how you love your brothers and sisters at Christ Proclamation Church?
- C. How would you like to grow in loving others sacrificially and intentionally at Proclamation?