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Lesson 26 – 1 John 4:11-16

Grab your chainsaw and let's get to work

The 3 tests of 1 John

- Doctrinal
- Relational
- Moral

We are going to ask lots of questions about the text this week and trust the Holy Spirit to cause the passage to take shape like a master sculptor.

1 John 4:11 - 16 | *¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So 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."*

Question #1: What effect does the love of God have on us?

- Freedom
- Explosive affections (Col 3:1-17)

"The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one." **Thomas Chalmers**

Question #2: What is the importance of the statement, “no one has ever seen God,”?

- Mystery
 - **Psalm 97:1-5 |**
“The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. 3 Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. 4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. 5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.”
 - **Deuteronomy 29:29 |** ²⁹ *“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”*
- Presence
 - **Matthew 5:14-16 |** ¹⁴ *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that^[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

Question #3: What does the passage say we have seen?

- The Father has sent His Son
- To be the Savior
- Of the world

Question #4: What does that seeing do when anchored by faith?

- Confession
- Fellowship

Pop Quiz:

Question 1: Do you love hearing, reading, and learning from God's word?

Question 2: Do you long to love sacrificially?

Question 3: Do you act according to right doctrine and sacrificial love?