

Sermon Notes
Back to Basics (part 11)
Genuine Love
1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In 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. ¹⁰In 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. 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.

3 Truths About Genuine Love

1) Genuine love has its _____ in God (vs. 7-8)

- A) Loving others gives evidence we have been _____ of God (vs. 7)
- B) Loving others gives evidence that we _____ God (vs. 8)

2) Genuine love is _____ in the atoning death of Jesus (vs. 9-10)

- A) God sent His Son that _____ might live (vs. 9)
- B) God sent His Son that _____ might die (vs. 10)

3) Genuine love is _____ in us when we love others (vs. 11-12)

- A) God's love for us _____ us to love others (vs. 11)
- B) Our love for others _____ His love to perfection (vs. 12)