

## *That You May Know*

Trust God's Perfect Love — 1 John 4:13-21  
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"...God is love..."

- 1 John 4:16

### I. GOD'S PERFECT LOVE (v.16, 17)

- One of God's attributes is love (vs. 16).
- All of God's attributes, including love, are perfect (vs. 18).
- Love and truth cannot be separated (1 Cor. 13:6).

### II. GOD'S PERFECT LOVE DISPLAYED AT THE CROSS (v.13-18)

- God's perfect love is radically displayed at the cross (1 John 4:9-10).
- God's perfect love is initiating, undeserved, deliberate and sacrificial. It is not just an emotion.
- Those in Christ have been given God's Spirit (vs. 13; Eph. 2:4-5).
- Those in Christ know who Jesus is (vss. 14-15; Matt. 16:16-17; John 5:18, 10:33; 1 Cor. 12:3; 2 Cor. 4:4-6).
- Those in Christ have come to know and believe God's love for them (vs. 16; 1 John 3:1).
- Those in Christ can have confidence they will not face God's wrath (vss. 17-18; John 3:36; 1 John 5:12-13).

### III. APPLYING GOD'S PERFECT LOVE (v.19-21)

- We are motivated to love when we know God's perfect love (vs. 19; Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:14-15).
- Love according to God (1 Cor. 13:4-7).
- We must love people, not hate them (vss. 20-21; 1 John 3:12).
- Fear leads to anger and hate. Replace fearing man, not getting what we want and/or our circumstances with fearing God and trusting God's perfect love, which casts out all fear (vs. 18; Rom. 8:38-39).

**KNOW:** God's love is perfect. God's love is radically displayed at the cross. We must apply God's perfect love to our daily lives.

**DO:** Replace fearing man, not getting what we want and our circumstances with fearing God and trusting in his perfect love, which casts out all fear.

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please Read 1 John 4:13-21

1. In what ways did the sermon comfort and convict you?
2. How does knowing God's attributes cannot be separated give you a balanced understanding of who God is? How can you apply this to different areas of life?
3. What attributes of God are displayed at the cross?
4. How does the Bible define love? How do people sometimes define love?
5. Why will those who are in Christ not face God's wrath on the Day of Judgment?
6. From the sermon, what questions should we ask ourselves when angry? What should we do? (Hint: **Do** above).
7. What is the biblical solution to fear?
8. How does thinking about the cross help us to love rather than hate?