



Sermon series: Joy/Ful
Text: 1 John 4:7-12
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Live Out the Love of God

Big Idea: When we grasp the reality of God's love, we will live out God's love

C_____ to the source of love (vv. 7-8)

A person cannot come into a real relationship with a loving God without being transformed into a loving person.

U_____ what real love looks like (vv. 9-10)

The greatness of God's love is seen in the costliness of His self-sacrifice for the wholly undeserving, to those who do not love Him and who do not want to love Him, to enemies and rebels armed to the teeth against him, to a world of lost sinners.

R_____ with the same kind of love (vs. 11)

If we have received such love, how could we remain unmoved by that love, and furthermore, unobligated to love others in response to that love. Our sins have been taken away by this gracious act of God. He has loved us in such a way as to arouse adoring wonder at the magnitude of his sacrificial giving. We cannot do anything else, then, BUT show love to one another. ***We cannot go back to a life of selfishness or self-focus when we have been to the cross and seen God's immeasurable and unmerited love displayed!***

E_____ God through our love (vs. 12)

If people want to truly know what God is like and see Jesus, they should be able to see Him in the lives of His followers as they love others with His love and meet Him in the churches that are the dispensaries of that love.

*****The C.U.R.E. for everything in this life is LOVE.*****



What is a moment you can look to when you truly felt loved? How did it feel? How did you **KNOW** you were being loved?

If you had to provide a brief definition of love to someone who had never heard of that concept, what would you say?

Have you ever heard of someone who was referred to as a "mean Christian" or experienced someone who claimed to be a follower of Jesus and yet was unkind, abrasive, or cynical? How did that make you feel? What did you think about them and their relationship with Jesus?

Why do you think that Jesus and John stated that the key characteristic of Christians must be love? What makes that attribute more important than "truthful," "just," or "pure?"

Is it difficult for you to believe that God is love? Why or why not?

What strikes you as the most incredible aspect of God's plan of salvation? Do you tend to center on God's love for you or your unworthiness of God's love?

Watch the following YouTube video (either individually or with your CARE Group):

The Love of God – Inspirational & Motivational Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0SDhpQlg3o>

What impacted you the most in what Brennan Manning said? How did his message inform, challenge or change your view of God's love? How did it help your view of God?

What are 3 **PRACTICAL** things you can do, either individually or with your CARE Group, to Live Out the Love of God?

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