LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Twelve • 1John 4:7-21

Deeply Loved People Love Deeply

John's Big Idea

You are deeply LOVED by God, so LOVE others deeply.

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1. We Are Deeply LOVED by God! 1John 4:7-10

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God Is Love

- God is the SOURCE of love.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God... 1John 4:7

- God's love is SEEN in the death of His Son.

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1John 4:9-10

2. Deeply Loved People OUGHT to Love Others! 1John 4:11-21

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The Power of Love

- Love is EVIDENCE that God's Spirit dwells in us.

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 1John 4:12-13

- Love is COMMANDED because it reflects God's character.

We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. 1John 4:19-21

The Result of Loving Deeply

- ❑ Loving deeply gives us ASSURANCE that we are born of God and know Him.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1John 4:7-8

- ❑ Loving deeply gives us CONFIDENCE as we await the Day of Judgment.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 1John 4:17-18