
Go Forth In Love

以爱心出发

I JOHN 4:7-12

约翰一书

Introduction 引言

- Love with reference to gifts, cards and romance
爱与礼物、卡片和浪漫的关系
- Love with reference to family love
家庭之爱的论点
- Love with reference to friendship love
友谊之爱的联系
- Love with reference to romance/physical attraction
爱与浪漫、肉体的魅力
- John uses “agape” a self sacrificing love
约翰用自发之爱「agape」描述舍己之爱

I. Why The Need For Love? 为何需要爱？

A We should love because of God's nature
- vs. 7, 8

我们当彼此相爱、因为这是上帝的本性 — 7、8节

1. Love comes from God and is not conditional on a person's response

上帝赐无条件的爱、而不是个人的 响应

□ It is anchored to the value that is inherent in the individual as seen through God's eyes

这是藉着上帝观察个人内在稳固价值观的根据

□ I Corinthians 13:4-6 哥林多前书13章：4—6节

2. God is love. 神是爱

- It is define by the character of God

神的本性明确地解译爱

- Real love is holy, just and perfect just like God is. 真爱如神一般是圣洁、公正和完美

- If you want to know what true love is, look at God. Love permeates everything that He does

如果您想晓得真爱是如何、就必观察神之爱、渗透他一切的作为。

3. Those who are born of God will love others

藉着神得生的必爱其他人

- If God the Father is love, God the Son is love and God the Holy Spirit is love, so if we are of God, we will love also

如果天父是爱、上帝的儿子是爱、同样圣灵也是爱；所以我们属于上帝、我们也有这份爱。

- If His Spirit resides in us, His character and attitude should influence us. 当神的灵住在我们内心、他的品格和态度会影响我们。
- We should begin to reflect the loving outlook that God Himself has. 我们当开始反映上帝所拥有的形象

B. We should love because of the gift we have received in Christ – vs. 9- 11

我们当彼此相爱因为我们接纳了在基督里的恩赐：
9—11节

1. God gave His Son to rescue us
上帝赐他儿子、使我们得拯救

2. God gave His Son to rescue us
上帝赐他儿子、为我们舍命而死：

▣ Lev . 16 – the Day of Atonement 利未记16章—赎罪日

3. God gave His Son to die for sinners - Romans 5:6-8
上帝赐他儿子为罪人而死 — 罗马书5章：6—8节

C. We should love because it reveals God to the world
– vs. 12

我们当彼此，向世界显明神之爱-12节

- Once motivated by God's love, we should be motivated to love one another because our transformation will reveal the character of God
得着神之爱的激发，我们当促动彼此相爱，因为我们的改变显示上帝的品格。
- We should love because we have been loved.
我们当相爱，因为我们已得着爱护。

□ I John 4:12 – (two meanings)

约翰一书4章：12节（有两个涵义）

1. Since we can't see God, the best way to show our love to Him, is to love those He loves.

然而我们看不见上帝、最佳显出我们对神的爱是爱他所爱的人。

2. When we love each other, people will see God reflected through us.

当我们彼此相爱、众人就看见我们反映神之爱

- When people look at us, they should see a reflection of God and when they look at how we treat each other, they see examples of agape love

当众人见到我们时、他们须看见我们反映神的品格和当他们观察我们如何彼此款待、他们就会见证到自发之爱（agape）

II. How Can We Show Love? II.

我们如何显出彼此相爱？

- A. By embracing God's agape love and expressing it to people with the same love that we have received unconditionally
我们彼此表达和拥戴上帝所赐的无条件、自发之爱。
- B. By stepping out in kindness
出自爱所启发的亲切之善意
 - Acts of kindness motivated by love
良善的行为出于爱的启发
- C. By exemplifying Jesus in the way He connects with people
跟随耶稣的榜样与众人打交道
 - By treating people as friends, 视众人为朋友
 - By touching hearts by serving in humility
行出谦卑的服侍触动人心
 - By serving others without hidden agenda 当之无愧的服侍
 - By telling the message after doing the message
先实行这信息、后传播这信息
 - I John 3:18 约翰一书3章：18节

Conclusion 结论

- Enough talk and need more demonstration
发言已够、更需要实践的表明
- As Christ's ambassadors we represents Christ on this earth
我们在这世界里是基督的使者
- By our actions we can either draw people near to God or draw them away from God
我们的行动可以吸引众人亲近上帝；或会使他们远离上帝。
- The church is an oasis of healing, place where broken lives are being restored
教会是医治的绿洲、破碎心灵可得复原之所
- By our acts of kindness, the church's role become redefined as a beacon of hope and the community saturated with Jesus tangible presence of love
- 藉着我们行出慈蔼的实行、教会的任务就译为希望的灯塔、而耶稣踏实的爱浸透社区的境地