

(sermon notes)

RIVERS OF HIS LOVE

1 John 4:7-21

Helping people come together to live out
the love of Jesus.

Our vision is for our lives and our homes to be so transformed by the love of Jesus and to be so focused on living it out that we become rivers and not reservoirs of His love in our community and our world.



The LOVE We're Rivers Of . . .

- 1) comes _____ from _____. (v. 7a)
"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God...." (v. 7a)
- 2) flows out of _____ and only through those who _____. (vv. 7b-8)
"...and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love." (v. 7b-8)
- 3) was _____ most fully at the _____. (vv. 9-11)
"By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son...Beloved if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." (vv. 9-11)
 - It's a LOVE that _____.
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son...." (John 3:16)

The LOVE We're Rivers Of (cont.) . . .

- It's a LOVE that is _____.
"...walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us...." (Eph. 5:2a)
"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3:16)
 - It's a LOVE that is _____.
"...because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)." (Eph. 2:4b-5)
 - It's a LOVE that _____ the _____.
"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)
"We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)
 - It's a LOVE that _____.
"...forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." (Eph. 4:32b)
- 4) lets people _____ the _____. (v. 12)
"No none has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected [completed] in us." (v. 12)
 - 5) is _____ through the _____ in us. (v. 13)
"By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit." (v. 13)
"...because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." (Rom. 5:5b)
 - 6) gives _____ that we _____ to Him. (vv. 14-17)
"...We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us...By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment...." (vv. 14-17)
 - 7) can be _____ by _____ or _____. (vv. 18-21)
"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar...." (vv. 18-21)