

BOOK OF 1 JOHN

Lesson #12 -Knowing God Through Love

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-11

Introduction:

1. We learn all different types of knowledge through observance. This is true when we learn love.
Love has been demonstrated to us by God.
2. We know God only through love we have received from Him and share with one another.

I. THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS

A. GOD'S LOVE MANIFESTED TOWARD US

1. Some believe that Jesus' sacrifice was first paving the way for God's love.
2. From this verse we see that God's love motivated the sending of His Son
3. When we were lost in sin God loved us -Ti 3:4, 5

B. HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US

1. His blood is the blood of the new covenant -Mt 26:28
2. He bore our sins on the cross -1Pe 2:24

C. TWO NECESSARY THINGS FOR A SACRIFICE

1. Priest and offering
2. Jesus is both -He 9:14; 2:8, 9
3. We have been reconciled through Him -2Co 5:19-21

II. THE DRAWING OF JESUS

A. WE WERE LOST IN SIN

1. All have sinned -Ro 3:23
2. Sin separates one from God -Is 59:1, 2
3. Sin results in death -Ez 18:20; Ro 6:23

B. THE LOVE OF JESUS DRAWS US TO HIM

1. Jesus will draw all nations to Himself -Jn 12:32; 1Jn 4:19
2. In our own conversion, we were drawn by our Savior's love

III. THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

A. HIS TEACHING -Jn 13:34, 35

1. We love one another as He has loved us
2. This includes loving those who won't love us back
3. This includes loving our enemies -Mt 5:43, 44

B. WITHOUT LOVE

1. Our service is worthless -1Co 13:1-3
2. Love cannot be counterfeited

"A wicked man may have baptism. He may have prophecy. He may receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. ([1 Cor. 11:29](#).) All of these things a wicked man may have. But no wicked man can have love." —Gospel Advocate Commentaries

Conclusion:

1. There are many aspects of the nature of God we can never achieve.
2. We must however, achieve love for one another.
3. When we are motivated out of sincere love for one another, we know that we are children of God.