

Sermon Notes for November 19, 2006 A.M.

**Morning: “What Love Can Do”** I John 4:7-21 (Pew Bible page 1084)  
(Joy for the Journey—World Missions Month)

The Holy Spirit graces us with a passage on love in I John which is not exceeded in all of Scripture. The Love of God is the greatest power in Heaven and Earth. The Love of God alone can truly change a life! The most sublime statement about God’s nature is in this passage, “God is Love!”

The Love of God is the compulsion and the content of missions. “The Love of Christ compels us.” II Corinthians 5:14 (1027) Real love is what the world needs, and real love is what the Gospel contains.

- I. The **Object** His Love— I John 4:11a— “Beloved, if God **so** loved **us** . . .”
- II. The **Origin** of His Love— I John 4:7-8— “The Love of God was manifested toward us.”
  - The New **Birth**— I John 4:7
  - The **Heart** of God— I John 4:8
  - The **Cross** of Christ— I John 4:9-10
- III. The **Overflow** of His **Love**— I John 4:11b-16
  - ❖ The **Expression** of God’s Love **To Us**— I John 4:11— “God **so** loved us”
  - ❖ The **Expectation** of God’s Love **Through** us— I John 4:11— “We ought **also** to love one another.”
    - **Sanctification** is the goal— I John 4:12— “His love is perfected (made complete) in us.”
    - The **Spirit** has been given— I John 4:13— “We dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”
    - The **Saviour** offers grace through His Church— I John 4:14-16— “The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world . . . God is love . He who dwells in love dwells in God.”

Missions is simply God’s love in action through His Church taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

- IV. **Overcoming** Through His **Love**— I John 4:17-21—  
“That we may have **boldness** in the day of judgment.”

Proverbs 28:1— “The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are **bold** as a lion.”

I John 3:21— “Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we **confidence** toward God.”

Acts 9:29— “And he spake **boldly** in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Acts 4:13— “Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”

Ephesians 6:19— “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth **boldly**, to make known the mystery of the gospel.”

Hebrews 4:16— “Let us therefore come **boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 10:19— “Having therefore, brethren, **boldness** to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.”

- His Love in us makes us **bold** as we face the Judgment Seat of Christ— I John 4:17
- His Love in us can **take away the fear** in daily living that paralyzes us— I John 4:18
- His Love in us makes us “**missions minded**” to share His love with every person in the world— I John 4:19-21