



Growing a Heart of Love

This Series: "Elevate: Increasing in the Things that Matter Most" Part 5

1 John 4:7-21

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I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
(Ezekiel 36:26)

1. God invites us to a _____ of love.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city. (Proverbs 16:32)

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'
(John 3:7)

2. God held nothing back in _____ His love.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)

3. What is _____?

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

4. In the face of such _____ love, what are we to _____?

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

5. We can see God _____ us when we love one another by His Spirit.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (1 John 4:12-13)

6. The _____ and _____ of Jesus.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. (1 John 4:14-16a)

7. The _____ and _____ of love.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:16b-18)

8. The _____ and _____ of love.

We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

9. The true _____ of love.

²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:20-21)