

## The Vintage Values of Love and Joy

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Galatians 5:22, 1 John 4:7-16

**Colossians 3:14** (NLT) – Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

### Main Passage

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**1 John 4:7-16** (ESV) – <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**Big Idea – The Presence of the Lord Blesses You with Perfect Love and Replaces Times of Sorrow with Lasting Joy**

### Three Truths About Love and Joy

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**Truth #1 – Perfect Love Reflects the Character of God and Transforms Your Virtues and Values**

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**Truth #2 – Perfect Love Blesses Your Life With Peace, Hope, and Joy**

**1 John 4:9-11** (ESV) – <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**Romans 15:13** – May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## Truth #3 – Perfect Love Brings You Clarity and Joy Transforms Your Weariness into Worship

**1 John 4:12,16** (ESV) – <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us...<sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**Nehemiah 8:10<sup>b</sup>** – ...Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

### Memory Verse

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**Colossians 3:14** (NLT) – Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

### Challenge

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You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your family or small group or (2) Participating in a Sunday School class.