



Overview

- 4:8 & 16: God is love
- 4:7-16: The sending love of God
- 4:16-21: Love one another

4:8 & 16: God is love

- “Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (v.8)
- “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” (v.16)
- His nature
 - all his activities are loving activities

4:8 & 16: God is love

- Old Testament:
 - Hebrew: *ḥesed* - khesed or chesed
 - steadfast love, goodness, kindness, loving kindness, faithfulness, loyal love, love
 - Exodus 34:6: “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in *love (ḥesed)* and faithfulness...”
 - Enduring, selfless, open to all

4:8 & 16: God is love

- **New Testament: Greek**
 - *eleos* - mercy or pity
 - *agape* - self-sacrificing love
 - *charis* - grace
- **God loves you**

4:7-16: The sending love of God

- **v.7: "Dear friends, let us love one another..."**
- **"...love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."**
- **If we truly knew God, we would love. If we do not love, we do not know God. (v.8)**

4:7-16: The sending love of God

- **v.9: God "sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."**
- **v.10: "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."**
- **v.14: "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world."**

4:7-16: The sending love of God

- **John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."**

4:7-16: The sending love of God

- **the Spirit has been given to us, how we know that we live in God (v.13)**
- **The Father will give them the Holy Spirit (John 14:16)**
- **“...the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (14:26)**
- **God sends himself to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit**

4:7-16: The sending love of God

- **v.12: “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”**
- **Throwback to Exodus, God is seen only in theophanies (ex: pillar of cloud)**
 - **Exodus 33:20 “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”**

4:7-16: The sending love of God

- **v.12: as we love one another, we are then revealing God, we’re revealing his nature.**
- **“if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us”**
 - **God’s love comes to full fruition in our lives when we love one another**

4:16-21: Love one another

- **v.17: “This is how love is made complete among us...”**
- **v.17: “In this world we are like Jesus.”**
- **v.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.”**
 - **Counteract fear of the “day of judgment” (v.17)**

4:16-21: Love one another

- **vv.19-21: love one another, stay away from hate**
- **Implies it should be easier to love a brother or sister in Christ because they are visible (v.20)**
- **Hate is not built in a day**

Takeaways

- **Love one another**
- **Laying down our lives: laying down our selfishness to care for each other's needs**
- **Invest in relationships at Olivet**

Takeaways

- **Love one another**
- **We are sent to love**
 - **"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:21**
- **God loves you**

Takeaways

- **Romans 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."**