

1 John Lesson 74 Outline
“Exhibiting Perfect Love” 1 John 4:7-12
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Man is made in God’s image, not in regard to his physical traits, but in regard to the immaterial part of us, the _____ part.

The core idea of the image of God can be summed up with the words _____.

We long to love and be loved in all human relationships as well as the relationship with God.

John now presents for us a study of perfect love.

This love is described in the Greek as *teleioō*, which means whole, or complete.

Perfect love is the legacy that God has left to His children.

This love is only available from God through Christ.

This is the third time that John’s gone into a rather significant dissertation on the subject of love.

He has discussed love as proof we are in the Fellowship and as evidence of our Sonship.

Here this perfect love is presented as evidence that God _____ in you.

If you love, you obey. If you obey, you demonstrate love.

This is not the love of emotion. It's not physical love, friendship love. It's the love of the _____.

John will give us six reasons why we should love. First – love is the _____ of God.

We have learned that God is light, God is life, and here God is love.

If you are _____ of God and you _____ God, then you have this love.

Love does not define God; God defines love.

Men are not robots. They are begged with, to love Him.

Exhibiting Perfect Love: Insights from 1 John

			
Perfect Love is Complete	An Act of the Will	Evidence of God's Presence	God as the Essence
Teleioō represents a whole, finished love available to God's children through Christ.	This love is a choice of obedience rather than an emotional or physical feeling.	Exhibiting this love proves that God dwells within the heart of the believer.	Love does not define God; rather, God's own nature defines what love is.

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Other scriptures in order of citation: 1 John 4:7-21, 17, 18; 1 Cor 13; Rom. 5:5; 1 John 5:3, 2:5, 2:7-11, 3:10-19, 1 John 4:21, 1:5, 3:1