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Love "from" God

God is the origin of love (4:7)

- He is the source of the love we receive, know, and share
- If we don't know love, we don't know God (8)
 - To "know" love is to "show" love (7,11-12, 20-21)

• God is love (4:8)

• More than an attribute, His essential nature

Love "for" Us

We are the object of God's love (4:10)

- While we were sinners & enemies (Rom. 5:8-10)
- He sent His Son to die for us
- He sent His Son to be the "atoning sacrifice"
 - "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2)

Love "in" Us

- The "conspicuous display" God's love (9,12,16,18)
- Made evident among us (9)
 - It is what we heard and why we hope
- Perfected when we love each other (12)
- We come to love through knowledge and faith (16a)
 We "stay" in God and His love the same way (16b)
- Removes fear from judgment (18)

Love "with" Us

 The workspace of God's love (4:17) • Love's outcome - confidence for the day of judgment God's love for us is complete So must our love for Him become • Not "perfect" – but mature, developed As God is... we are to be God is love

Love is of God

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- Love is "from" God...
- Love is "for" us...
- Love is "in" and "among" us...
- Love is "with" us...

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- Through His Son we can have confidence for the day of judgment
- Without His Son... there is fear of punishment
- Have you been washed in the atoning blood of His Son?