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Who Loves You?

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1 John 4

Satan is _____ in his abilities (vs 4)

Love

1. The _____ of Love – God (vs 8)
2. The _____ of Love – Jesus (vs 9)
3. The _____ of Love – Spirit (vs 13)

Important questions to ask

1. Do I simply believe, or do I confess that Jesus is Lord? (vs 15, Romans 10:9-10)
2. "Who are you?" rather than "Who am I?" (Exodus 3:11-12)
3. Do I know I am loved by God?
4. Instead of focusing on "Am I led by God?" ask the question "Am I living in all of my human interactions as a deeply loved person of God?"

God's love _____ fear (vs 18)

Allow God to completely _____ your "self-life"

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Think of a time when you overcame something. Explain the situation. How did you feel afterwards?
3. Read verse 4 again and answer the following questions:
 - Who have we overcome?
 - What does it mean to overcome?
 - How have we overcome?
 - How does knowing Satan is limited in his abilities affect your day-to-day living?
4. Reread verses 8-13. How does God demonstrate His love for us? How is the triune God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) involved in this?
5. Revisit the 4 important questions that we were challenged with today. Spend some time answering them. Are one or more questions more challenging than the others?
6. Is there a particular fear that you are battling today? Why do you think it has a grip on you? Are you willing to give it to the Lord and trust Him with it?
7. Read Luke 9:23-25. What does it mean to "Take up your cross"? Read verse 26. How does that verse challenge you?
8. What areas of your "self-life" are getting in the way of you being fully devoted to Jesus?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (1 John 4) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?