

MAY 3, 2020

GOD IS LOVE  
1 John 4

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1 John 4; John 3

**Recap (In Control) + This Week (Love) + Preview (Light)**

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- *How is this loving?* Isa. 5-6

*In his sovereignty, God created us with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Gen. 1:26-28; Deut.5:32-6:25; Josh. 24; Jas. 1:19-27; 1 John 3:11-24*

*God so highly values \_\_\_\_\_ because love is a choice, and we can actively choose \_\_\_\_\_ . Duet. 8; Matt. 5-7; Prov. 19:3; Jer. 19:1-6; Mk. 3:20-35*

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
*John 14; Col. 1:9-23; Heb. 1:1-3*

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3. Jesus demonstrates that since God is love, our new way of living is aimed at continually \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ's love by \_\_\_\_\_ to wholly love God and \_\_\_\_\_ love others. Matt. 22:37-39; Luke 10:25-37; Rom. 13:8-10; 1 Pet. 1:13-25; John 17

**God is love = Jesus is love = You/we/I are/am loved**  
1 John 4:17-21; Luke 15; Eph. 3:14-17

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