

Benefits of Loving One Another

1st John 4:12-16

(series #20)

Intro: faith is temporary, love is eternal

- 2nd Corinthians 5:7

- 1st Corinthians 13:13

I. The Invisible God seen in our Love v. 12

A. John 1:18 compared with 1st John 4:12

B. John 13:35; 17:23

C. God's love is complete when we love

II. The Assurance of God's Presence v. 13

A. Ephesians 1:13; Romans 8:9

B. 1st Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30

III. The Testimony of the Father and Son v. 14

A. John 17:21

B. Our love for one another is a testimony

IV. The Doctrinal Test of Truth v. 15

- The 3 tests: social, moral, doctrinal

V. The Certainty of God's Love v. 16

A. Eph. 2:1; Romans 3:12, 5:8, 5:10

B. We experience God's presence by love

Conclusion: Love the way God has exhorted us