

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Sermon Series: *Walk in God's Light - Live in God's Love*

Sermon Title: "How to Start a Demonstration"

Text: 1 John 3:11-18

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Big Idea: Living in God's love is more than a solitary walk through life. Instead it is a personal submission to Jesus Christ lived out in community with other believers.

Two things our love for other believers demonstrates:

1) Demonstrating "one another love" opposes Satan.

(1 John 3:11-15 / Psalm 55:12-13 / Leviticus 19:17-18 / Ephesians 2:13-14)

2) Demonstrating "one another love" values the body of Christ.

(1 John 3:16-18 / John 15:1 / Genesis 4:8)

Why Jesus' death on the cross is the supreme demonstration of love?

Because it demonstrates the greatest possible sacrifice.

Because it demonstrates the meeting of our greatest need.

Because it demonstrates the greatest possible motive.

Demonstrating love only happens after we submit to Christ and turn our "I" into a cross of service.

Study/Discussion Questions: 1 John 3:11-18

- Recall a time when you felt so strongly about something political that you were ready to or did demonstrate. Have you ever felt that intensely about something spiritual?
- Why do you think John makes it a higher priority to love others with our actions, rather than loving others only with our words or feelings?
- Does it feel too extreme to say that there is no middle ground between loving each other and hating each other? Why does John make this "either/or"?
- Explain why it is a serious mis-read of God's love to presume Jesus is nothing more than a good example? Why was Jesus' self-sacrifice for our sin greater than any other human action of self-sacrifice in history?
- Name some practical ways to put self aside in order to show love to other believers and other people in general.
- How does my active love for others bring glory to God and honor to Christ?