

LOVING

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THE GREAT LCC
THEOCACHE
ADVENTURE

VIDEO BUMPER • PRAY • ACTS 17:26-27

REVIEW

- ❖ God wants to be found.
- ❖ **HOLY**: God is Holy, completely different from everything else.
- ❖ **TRINITY**: God exists as one essence sustaining three co-eternal persons.
- ❖ **ALMIGHTY**: God can do anything he wants, and he chooses to give life.
- ❖ **TRUSTWORTHY**: God is the unchanging source of all good.
- ❖ **RIGHTEOUS**: God always does the most right thing.

TRANSITION: JOHN 3:16

GOD IS LOVING

WE GET THIS LESSON TERRIBLY WRONG • ROMANCE, PARENTAL, BROTHERLY • 1JN 4:16-17

The Greatest Misunderstandings

- ❖ If I am a **LOVING** person, God will **ACCEPT** me.
- ❖ If **GOD** is **LOVING**, he won't **JUDGE**.

PRESUPPOSE OUR IDEA OF LOVE • WHAT IF BY HIS STANDARDS YOU AREN'T LOVING? • 1JN4:16-17

Our only hope is to **KNOW** and **RELY** on God's love.

We need to **KNOW** God's love.

REVIEW HOLINESS & TRINITY • JOHN 3:35-36 • GOD'S LOVE IS FOCUSED ON/THROUGH THE SON

1 John 4:7-16a

(9-10) SHOWED HIS LOVE AMONG US

We **KNOW** God's love only by knowing
the **MESSAGE** of **JESUS**.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF JESUS? • SHOWED HIS LOVE AMONG US

- ❖ The Father showed love for **JESUS**.
- ❖ The Father showed love for people **THROUGH** Jesus.
- ❖ The Son loves the Father through **OBEDIENCE**.
- ❖ The love of Father and Son culminates at **EASTER**.

THE FATHER SENDS THE SON • THE SON SUBMITS • THEY DO IT TO BRING LIFE TO US!!

We need to **RELY** on God's love.

1 John 4:7-21

CONSIDER THE ACTIONS • RECEIVE THE SPIRIT (FAITH) • TESTIFY TO THE SAVIOR/SON (WORDS) •
LOVE ONE ANOTHER (COMMUNITY) • READ THE REST

We rely on God's love by **FAITH**,
TESTIMONY, and **COMMUNITY**.

TAKE IT HOME

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS LOVE??

If you believe that God is love, then *you are compelled* by that belief to do three things:

- ❖ To **LIVE** your **LIFE** for **HIM** and not **YOU**.
- ❖ To live in the reality of **NEW-CREATION** life.
- ❖ To **JOIN** the work of **RECONCILIATION**.

We love because he first loved us.