

Dwelling in Love with God

The Life Changed by Christ (1 Jn. 4:7-5:5)

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Theme: Intimacy of fellowship with God through Christ is to be enjoyed by those who have eternal life. (See also 1 Jn. 2:9-10, Jn. 17:3)

God's love was manifested in Christ "that we might live through Him (1 Jn. 4:9). How is this accomplished?

- I. Jesus was the propitiation for our sins (v. 10-11)
 - "Propitiation" = Jesus' death satisfied God's demand for death because of sin
- II. God's dwelling place (4:12-5:3)
 - a. God dwells in the believer
 - b. The believer dwells in God
 - 1) Because of God's love we are made holy (v. 17-18)
 - 2) Compels us to love the brethren (4:19-5:1)
 - 3) Causes us to obey his commands (5:2-3)
- III. Victory is coming... by faith (5:4-5)