

**Power of God's Love in Us**  
**1 John 4:7-21**

**I. Prompted by The Spirit – 4:1-6**

1. Our struggle to obey His command – 3:16-18, 23  
Our flesh says, I just can't love that person
2. False spirits support us in how we feel – 4:1-4  
Note need for discernment is to believers – "Beloved"  
False spirits cause us to deny or doubts Christ's power  
His person & His work for us is not sufficient to enable us to love
3. Reassured that He is greater than these spirits – 4  
In this context of loving one another He is our enabler  
His Holy Spirit enables us to love with God's love  
Don't believe voices that deny Him & limit His power  
Acknowledge our weakness & trust Him to work **in us**

**II. Progeny of Love – 4:7-8**

1. Brotherly love is a family trait – 7  
It is the essence of God's being  
He is the source of true love  
His children are born with His nature – 2 Pet 1:4  
Love is the very essence of His nature  
Those who know Him should display His love  
God's Spirit will work in His children to produce His kind of love
2. Absence of love indicates relationship – 8  
Lack of love indicates we do not know God  
We don't know the very basics about God

**III. Pattern of Love – 4:9-11**

1. True love is seen in what God did – 9  
True love is seen actions, not just in words  
God's love is seen in sending His Son – John 3:16  
True love reaches out to meet a real need  
"That we might live through Him"
2. True love is beyond human love – 10  
Our love for God can't compare to His love  
His Son provided completely for our sins  
His love is so powerful that it pays in full the penalty of our sins
3. His children ought to love like Him – 11  
God's Spirit seeks to produce love in us – Gal. 5:22

**IV. Personification of Love – 4:12-16**

1. Invisible God seen in human flesh - 12  
Humans need to see God's love in real life  
If God dwells in us His love ought to be seen  
We become vessels for others to see God's love
2. God's love is seen in us by His Spirit – 13  
It is the fruit of the Indwelling Spirit, not of us  
We cannot produce true love – it is God in us
3. Son revealed God's love in flesh – 14-15  
Men can see God's love in Christ – John 1:18  
God's love was seen in Jesus Christ – John 14:8-9  
Son brings us into a relationship with God

4. We are to be incarnation of God's love – 16  
God's love is now to be seen in our lives

**V. Perfection of Love – 17-21**

1. God is perfecting His love in us – 17  
Our love is to become more like His love
2. Results of love perfected in us – 17-18  
Boldness in the day of judgment – 17  
When we hear His "well done"  
We are set free from fear – 18  
Living in love we do not fear our Lord's return
3. Our love is a response to His love – 19  
We can love like this only because of Him
4. Brotherly love is God's love in us – 20-21  
Love for God seen in our love for our brothers