

1st John

**“Test – Is Your
Love From
God?, part 1”**

1 John 4:7 - 11



“Progressive Christianity is a form of Christianity which is characterized by a willingness to question tradition, acceptance of human diversity, a strong emphasis on social justice and care for the poor and the oppressed, and environmental stewardship of the Earth. Progressive Christians have a deep belief in the centrality of the instruction to "love one another" (John 15:17) within the teachings of Jesus Christ. . . . Acceptance of people who have differing understandings of the concept of "God", such as pantheism, deism, non-theism, as a social construct, or as community.”

Wikipedia

Outline Of Study

1 John 4:7 - 21

v. 7-8

Source of Love & Summary

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Example of Love

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Encouragement to Love

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No one has seen God

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Proofs we are a Christian

v. 16-20a

Assurance we are a Christian

v. 20b

Cannot love someone not seen

v. 21

Command to love

Source of Love & Summary

1 John 4:7 - 8

- ***The command***
- ***The source of love***
- ***The reason***

Example Of Love

1 John 4:9 – 10, 14

- ***Love of God is revealed***
- ***Sent His only unique Son***
- ***Sent Him to be a vicarious sacrifice***
- ***So we could **live through Him*****

Encouragement To Love

1 John 4:11

- *We are **not examples** of love*
- *If God loved us, and yes He does*
- *God is the **only real example** of love*
 - *Galatians 5:22-23*
 - *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*