

Holy Affection: Biblical Clarity on Love (1 John 4:7-12) 5/17/2019

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Introduction

Question: What is your only _____ in life and death?

Answer: That I am not my _____, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully _____ for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me _____ from all the power of the devil. He also _____ me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly _____ not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my _____. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit He also _____ me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to _____ for Him.

Notes on 1 John:

When Christ looms large then _____ abounds.

Six Facets of God's Love

1. We love because we have been _____ of a loving God (v. 7)

As you have been born of a loving God, now you should start to _____ like Him.

To be born of God is to be born of another _____.

The congregation of _____ must become the community of _____.

2. We love because we _____ a loving God (v. 7)

If you did nothing to _____ His love for you in salvation, you have done _____ things to cause Him to turn His back upon you.

We cannot _____ the attributes of God.

3. We love because God is _____ (v. 8)

Four "God is" statements in Scripture: God is _____, light, Spirit, and a consuming _____.

It is that love that has come to believers in the _____.

Two implications from God's love coming to us:

- Without reference to anything else, God's love is inherently _____
- When God loved you, He loved you _____

4. We love because we _____ through Christ (v. 9)

Eternal life is not merely _____...you enjoy eternal life _____.

5. We love because Christ is our _____ (v. 10)

Illustration:

It is not that God loves us because Christ _____ for us, but that Christ died for us because God _____ us.

6. We love because we have been _____ with God's love (v. 11)

When we love one another with a holy affection, God's love is _____ in us.

The verb "to be perfected" carries the idea of reaching its intended _____.

As we love one another, with a biblical, holy affection we make Him _____.