

The Fruit of the Spirit
“Love”
1 John 4:7-21
July 6, 2025

Sermon Points:

1. The Source of Love (1 John 4:7-10).

- God is Love (v.8):
 - Love originates in God’s nature.
 - We love because He first loved us (v.19).
- Love Demonstrated (v.9-10):
 - God’s love is proactive: He sent Jesus as the atoning sacrifice.
 - Not based on our merit, but His grace.

2. The Evidence of Love (1 John 4:11-16).

- Love for Others (v.11-12):
 - Loving one another makes God’s love visible (v.12).
 - "No one has seen God, but if we love, He lives in us."
- Assurance Through the Spirit (v.13-16):
 - The Spirit confirms God’s presence in us.
 - Love = abiding in God, and God in us.

3. The Call to Love (1 John 4:17-21).

- Perfect Love Casts Out Fear (v.17-18):
 - Fear of judgment is replaced by confidence in God’s love.
- Love in Action (v.20-21):
 - If we claim to love God but hate others, we deceive ourselves.
 - Love for others is non-negotiable for believers.

4. The Definition of Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

- What Love Looks Like:
 - Patient, kind, not self-seeking (v.4-5).
 - Always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres (v.7).
- Love Never Fails:
 - Unlike spiritual gifts, love is eternal (v.8).

5. The Transformational Power of Love

- Identity in Christ:
 - "You are God's beloved" – our worth comes from Him.
- Love Changes Everything:
 - When God's love transforms us, it impacts every area of life (work, relationships, priorities).

6. Closing Challenge:

- Reflect: "Does my life reflect God's love to others?"
- Respond:
 - Abide in Christ to bear the fruit of love.
 - Choose one practical way to demonstrate love this week.

