

Relationships - Making the Ideal Real

The Gospel – The healing and direction we long for.

1 John 4:7-12

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Gospel Conclusions

- **Our love of each other says as much about God as it does about us.** (v.7, 12)
- **If you don't love, you don't know God.**

- **Love (Agape) starts with the Gospel.** (v.5, 10)
 - Our hearts are cold and desolate without Jesus.
 - God saw our great need.
 - God sent His only Son.
 - God settled our sin debt (propitiation).
 - God saved all who trust in Him!

- **Love is expected from blessings.** (v. 11)

- **Love is transferred and perfected through relationships.**

“How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live like it. . . . Evangelistic campaigns, distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, conferences, and even books . . . are all secondary, and they have power to accomplish their purpose only as they are rooted in and lead back to a believing community.”

- Bob Thune

“The Gospel After Christendom”

Today's Worship Songs:

As for Me and My House

Christ Be Magnified

I Surrender All

Praise the Lord Forever

Remembrance

What He's Done