



A Study of 1 John

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Lesson 16: "12th Test: The Ministry of the Holy Spirit and Love" 1 John 4:7-21

What are some ways that you can show love to others, especially the body of Christ?

In verse 10 of our lesson, we talked about the concept of propitiation. This word is best defined as:

The word propitiation carries the basic idea of appeasement, or satisfaction, specifically towards God. Propitiation is a two-part act that involves appeasing the wrath of an offended person and being reconciled to him.

Let's look at some verses where we see this concept in action—read the following, looking for the two part act as described in the definition above:

Romans 3:25

2 Corinthians 5:21

1 Peter 3:18

Titus 3:5-7

Remember, you cannot love God and hate others. 1 John 4:8 reminds us of this. Perfect love casts out fear. 1 John 4:18 speaks to this.

Are you harboring any ill will toward someone else?

How does 1 John 4:8 deal with that?

Do you need to forgive someone today?

Are you anxious about anything today?

If God's perfect love is taking away all fear, why do you still have anxiety?

Read Matthew 6:25-34 and remember that He is in control of everything.