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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 84

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **showing us** His love. **1 John 4:7-8** “*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*”

Earlier this year, we took a look at this passage in the context of seeing that real love comes from God. Today, we would like to see how God *shows* us this love. The Greek word for *let us love* is *agapomen* which means the love of reason; to esteem or exalt; to take pleasure in or prefer by choice. I hope by now you realize and know that the only source of real love is God Himself. He is love. For us to be able to love with His kind of love, we must know God as our personal LORD and be in fellowship with His Spirit. As John is exhorting us to love one another, he is basically saying this: we need to be actively doing what the LORD prefers us to do; and we do it with the LORD’s power and direction.

Many years ago, we took mission trips into the interior of Mexico with our youth group. It was such a blessing to see God minister to people when they heard the good news that God loved them so much, that He offered Jesus as their sacrifice for sin. Part of our ministry team was a group of puppeteers who used the puppet ministry to reach out to the younger people. I have to admit that these teenagers became quite good at portraying the love of God through their puppeteering. Although these puppets were not really real, the love of God was still being transmitted through them. Now if God can use some cloth and someone else’s hand to share the message with others, don’t you think that He can use you, His own creation? The picture here is that it is not the puppet or the puppeteer, but the hand and heart of the one who is ministering that really matters.

John is saying that if we know God, then we must allow the love of God to flow through us because He is the source of love and He wants to use us, directed by His hand (or Spirit), to show His love to others. Meditate on that today as you walk through this day, directed by the loving hand of God within you.

Dear Father, because You are God and because of Your great love for us, help us to show that love to others today. Please allow Your Spirit to take control in us so that others can see and experience Your love through us. In Jesus Name, Amen