



# LOVE SO AMAZING

THE RESURRECTION 1 Jn. 4:9-10

2022 THEME

1 Jn. 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.  
10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

### Review

Our theme for 2022 is... LOVE SO AMAZING. We have considered “LOVE SO AMAZING” in several different perspectives. This morning, we observe the ultimate expression of LOVE SO AMAZING!

This passage expresses what LOVE SO AMAZING is, and how we can understand it. The cross and the resurrection are the ultimate pictures of God's love toward us.

## I. THE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE SO AMAZING

A. The Manifestation of God's Love, 4:9a - "In this was manifested the love of God..."

- ❖ Love that is not expressed is normally love that is not known.
- ❖ Love that is expressed and embraced is love that is enjoyed.

- ❖ Love that is appreciated is life-changing when embraced.
- ❖ We can know that God loves us because of the manifestation of the Incarnation and its importance in the death and resurrection of Christ – the Lord Jesus Christ is God Incarnate!

B. The Miracle of God's Love, 4:9b – "...**toward us...**"

Rom. 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

8 **But God commendeth his love toward us,** in that, **while we were yet sinners,** Christ died for us.

❖ God's love "toward us" means that He purposed His love in our direction, nothing was random. He loves us on purpose!

## II. THE EXPECTATION FROM GOD'S LOVE SO AMAZING

A. The Messenger of God's Love, 4:9c – "...because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world..."

❖ God took the initiative to have a loving relationship with mankind, by sending HIS SON, Whom He loves, for our benefit.

B. The Magnificence of God's Love, 4:9d - "... that we might **live through him.**"

❖ Life begins to have purpose when the creation learns that the Creator has a wonderful plan for

Jn. 10:10b "...**I am come that they might have life,** and that they might **have it more abundantly.**"

Isa. 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory,** I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

❖ A person's life was designed by God to have meaning and purpose and His expectation is for us to experience.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

Philippians 1:21 For **to me to live is Christ**, and to die is gain.

Colossians 3:4 “...**Christ, who is our life...**”

### III. THE EXCEPTIONALITY OF GOD'S LOVE IS SO AMAZING

A. The Profundity of God's Love, 4:10a “**Herein is love...**”

❖ The clarity of what love is, is defined to place the emphasis upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. The Priority of God's Love, 4:10b “...not that we loved God, but that he loved us...”

❖ Our relationship in knowing God and His love is totally dependent upon Him and His love for us.



1 Jn. 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

❖ Through the cross and the resurrection the Lord has reached out to mankind to “manifest” His love.

IV. THE EXPIATION THROUGH GOD’S LOVE SO AMAZING – “...and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

A. The Presentation of God’s Love, 4:10c “...and sent his Son...”

❖ The greatest missionary, ever, is the Lord Jesus Christ, sent from His Father to the mission field of the world.

Jn. 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: **as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

B. The Propitiation in God's Love, 4:10d "...to be the propitiation for our sins."

1. The Problem of Sin

Isa. 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.**

Rom. 3:23 For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;

2. The Powerful Solution – “...his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

Expiation = the means by which atonement or reparation is made.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/expiation>

2 Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him *to be sin* for us, who knew **no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1 Jn. 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye **sin not**. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world***.

1 Pet. 2:24 Who **his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree**, that we, being dead to sins, should **live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

- ❖ Mankind, separated from God by sin, may be reconciled through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ by the vicarious death of Christ and then the resurrection from the dead.
- ❖ The Lord is ready to forgive us, and to give us His gift of eternal life.

Psa. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, **so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Isaiah 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: **but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**

Romans 3:22 Even **the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:*** for there is no difference:

## Conclusion

Rom 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? ***It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.***

35 ***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?***

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things ***we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.***

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, ***shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.***