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1 JOHN 4:10

I John 4:7-21

7Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8**Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9**This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him

10This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

13We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14**And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15**If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. **16**And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him

17In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

18There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect

19We love because he first loved us.

20If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. **21**And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

What Defines the Passion of your Life?

I. GOD'S PASSION FOR US DECLARED.

A. Declared in His Love (1:2)

Romans 5:5-8, Eph. 1:4-14, I JN 4:10

B. Declared in His Choosing Us (1:20)

Deut. 7:6, Eph. 1:4-14, I Pet. 2:9-10

C. Declared in His Plan (1:4-6)

Isaiah 14:24, 23:9, 46:9-13

D. Declared in His Coming (3:1-6)

II. MAN'S PASSION FOR GOD DEFLIED.

A. Defiled by cheating God of Honor and Respect (1:6-14)

Is. 29:13, Matt. 15:8-9, Mk. 7:6-7

B. Defiled by unfaithfulness (2:1-17)

1. To His Commands (2:1-2, 7-9)

Deut.4:9-ff, 5:29, 10:12-13,16, 11:16-20

I Cor. 5:20

2. To our Faith (2:10-12)

3. To our wives (2:13-17)

II. MAN'S PASSION FOR GOD DEFLIED.

C. Defiled by robbing God (3:7-12)

James 4:1-10, I John 3:16-18

D. Defiled by our lack of service (3:13-15)

Luke 9:23-27, Rom. 12:11,
Eph. 2:10

III. GODS PASSION FOR US DEMONSTRATED

**A. Demonstrated in delivering
salvation (3:16-18)**

Rom. 5:8

**B. Demonstrated in delivering
His Justice (4:1-5)**