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"HOW TO GROW SPIRITUALLY"

"GOD'S LOVE CONNECTS US"

1 JOHN 4:9

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God's Love Connects Us!

Acts 20:28

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (KJV)

28 "So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood[a]—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.[b] (NLT)

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1 John 4:9

8 for **God is love.** **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. (KJV)

9 **God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.** **10** This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. (NLT)

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I. God's Love Connects Us

1 John 4:9 (v8)... For God is Love... (v9). "In this was manifested the love of God"

Phaneroo is used 49 times in the NT, 17 uses in the writings of the apostle John and 18 by the apostle Paul.

Mark 16:12 And after that, He **appeared** in a different form to two of them, while they were walking along on their way to the country.

John 21:1 After these things Jesus **manifested** Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.

John 21:14 This is now the third time that Jesus was **manifested** to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

"Love of God"
Love 26 (agape) is a love that means to sacrifice one's self for the benefit of another

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II. God's Connection Is A Gift

John 3:16b. "that he gave his one and only Son"

1 John 4:9b "because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world"

A. The Gift was "God Sent"

Sent (649)(apostello)

- ✓ from **apo** = off, away from, speaks of separation
- ✓ from **stello** = appoint to a position (emissary)
 - ✦ It literally means to send forth.
 - ✦ To dispatch someone for the achievement of a goal.
 - ✦ **perfect tense** signifying a permanent effect of the sending of the Son.
 - ✦ The sending of the Son has lasting effect!

Who did God SEND???

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B. The Gift Was Unique

"Only begotten" (**monogenes** 3439)

- ✓ from **monos** = alone
- ✓ from **genos** = birth, race, kind
 - It means that which is the only one of its kind of class
 - One of a Kind or One and Only

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the **only begotten** from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the **only begotten** God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

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III. How Do We Connect With God?

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III. How Do We Connect With God?

16c. everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

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"we might live through him"

- ✓ It's the Gift of Eternal Life
- ✓ It's simple, believe in Christ, and receive the Gift of Salvation!

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John 4:8

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John 3:17

17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Our Teaching Lesson Today:

I. God's Love Connects Us

II. God's Connection Is A Gift

III. How Do We Connect With God?
