

# 51 John, the Disciple of Love

## Chapter 1 John 4:7-21

### Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that those who love God must also love their brothers and sisters.
2. To understand that we must not love with our tongue and words, but rather with our deeds and truth.

Open Your Heart



What is 'love'?

Write down two different definitions of what you think 'love' is.

First:

Second:



## Understanding Today's Lesson

Apostle John was called by Jesus while he was working as a fisherman and casting out nets on a boat with his brother James. John originally was a man of no education and had a very rough personality. When a village in Samaria refused to accept Jesus, John was rebuked by Jesus for asking if he could rain fire from heaven to consume the Samaritans. John also witnessed a man casting out demons using the name of the Lord, even though this man did not follow Christ, and tried to forbid this man from doing these things. However, the Lord commanded John not to forbid this man from these things. Through his mother, John even asked Jesus if he and his brother James could sit at His right and left hand when Jesus became king of Jerusalem. However, John's request was rejected by Christ. As we can see through these events, John was a man who was originally very far from 'love'.

Nevertheless, John was a disciple who truly loved Jesus, and he was a disciple whom Jesus cherished so much that he even leaned on the bosom of Jesus while eating. John was the only disciple to witness all of Jesus' judgment, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. John was even asked by Jesus on the cross to care for His mother Mary. John took Mary to his home and cared for her for the rest of his life. From the time of the coming of the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost to the time of his death, John lived the life of an apostle who conveyed the love of the Lord.

When you read the books written by John (Gospel of John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation), you can see just how much he emphasizes love. John was the last of the twelve disciples to survive, and it is said that even in the last stages of his life on a stretcher, John continued to preach that we must "love one another." It was the true love of the Lord that was able to transform John into the apostle of love.

Notes:



## Memorizing Bible Verses

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

(1 John 4:16)



Meditate

## On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Luke 9:51–56)

(John 19:25–27)

(1 John 3:16–18)



Changing

## Directions

Read 1 John 4:7–12 three times and answer the following questions.

1. The Greek word for God's love is 'Agape', which is translated into 'give' or 'to give' in English. To give something can also be said to 'sacrifice' something. So, God's love can be seen as 'God's unconditional love for us,' or His 'sacrificial love'. Let's write down the things that God has given you.

2. Read verses 9–10. Out of the many things that God has given you, what is the greatest thing that He has provided for you?

3. For us who have received such great love, what is the attitude that we should have? Read verses 11–12 and answer the question.

4. How can we reveal the invisible love of God in our lives? Meditate on verse 12 and answer the question.

5. What can I sacrifice for the brothers and sisters that I love?



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

1.)

2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

## To Live According to the Word

Let's ask the Lord, who transformed John into the apostle of love, to transform my harsh and dry heart into a heart of love. Also, let us ask that we may love our brothers and sisters not only with words but also with deeds and truth.



# Our Story

To Grow Is...



Young children put whatever they see into their mouths. They cannot distinguish between what they can and cannot eat. However, when they grow a little more, they can distinguish color, and they start to distinguish between what they can and cannot eat. And as they continue to grow, they begin to remember whether what they ate was tasty or not.



Growing is not only the growth of your physical body but your wisdom as well. During the time of our growth, we accumulate a lot of experience and knowledge. With this experience and knowledge, we can distinguish whether the Word of God is true or not.

**When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.**  
(1 Corinthians 13:11)

## A prayer of thanks given by Pastor Son Yang-Won at the funeral of his two sons



It is the morning of October 27th, 1948 at Aeyangwon Church in Yeosu, Jeollanam-do Korea. There is a funeral for the two sons of Pastor Son Yang-Won who were killed by a young communist man. It is the pastor's turn to give a statement.

"Everyone, how could I possibly deliver a long statement? In place of my statement, I would like to speak about the grace that I felt when I heard of the martyrdom of my sons."

First, I thank God for allowing a sinner like me to bear children who would become martyrs.

Second, I thank the Lord for giving these treasures to me out of all the saints.

Third, I thank God for giving the blessing of being able to offer my firstborn and second son, who were my most beautiful children among my 3 boys and 3 girls.

Fourth, I thank God for not only allowing one son to partake in this precious martyrdom, but two.

Fifth, it is even considered a great blessing to die in bed having believed in Jesus, but how greater a blessing to have been shot while preaching. Thank you God.

Sixth, I thank God for taking my son who was supposed to go study in the United States to a better place which is Heaven.

Seventh, I thank God for giving me a loving heart to bring the enemy, who shot my two sons, to repentance and deem him as my own son.

Eighth, I am very grateful to God our Father, since I believe that countless sons of Heaven will be born through the martyrdom of my two sons.

Ninth, I thank our Lord Jesus Christ for providing me the faith to have the joyful heart to find these eight truths through the love of God.

Finally, I give all my glory to God who has given me overflowing fountains of blessing. I do not doubt that these are the fruits of the prayers of my father and mother who cried out each morning for decades. I want to thank my brothers and sisters who prayed for me and my family for the last 23 years.



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