

## **“The Language of Love”**

1 John 4:7-12

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Our text emphasizes that, because of God’s sacrificial love for us through Jesus Christ, “We surely ought to love one another.” This love is the result of the new birth. John Piper says, “The new birth is the act of the Holy Spirit connecting our dead, selfish hearts with God’s living, loving heart so that His life becomes our life and His love becomes our love” (emphasis added). We do not merely imitate God’s love. God’s love is lived out through us in our relationships with our brothers and sisters.