

Series: Simplify
*Simplify Your Heart-
Let Love Define You*
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Memorization Verse: 1 John 3:23

**WE CAN LOVE THE WAY GOD INTENDED US
TO BY RECEIVING & GIVING _____
PURE, POWERFUL, DIVINE, AND REDEMPITIVE**

1 John 4:7-5:5

PURE

1 John 4:7 αγαπητοί (a gap a toi = BELOVED),
αγαπωμεν (a gap oh men = LET US LOVE)
αλληλους (al lay lous = ONE ANOTHER)

POWERFUL

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.

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 in love.

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. ²¹And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 5 ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

DIVINE

^{7a}Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God
^{16b}God is love
¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

REDEMPITIVE

^{7b}Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This 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.

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

1 John 5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

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