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GOD'S POWERFUL LOVE

This is what our text explains... God's love.

God loves you. All of His activity is loving activity – even His judgment He does in love.

Do you understand God's **unconditional** love?

There is nothing in us that would cause God to love us. His love is based on His perfect love, not us.

HE RESULTS OF LOVE

Love gives, love is, love does:

- Love is action, but you can't force love.
- You can't buy love!
- You can't steal love – never hear of a robbery...
- Love *can only* be given AND love can be received
- Love given - must be received to work!
- When someone does not receive love – they walk away.

GOD'S LOVE GIVES AND GIVES!!

FOR BELIEVERS...

There are also **results of love**, according to this passage, for believers. This passage gives:

THREE BENEFITS OF LOVE that believers have!

*It's interesting that they are mentioned here...
that John includes these...*

I. We have been given the Holy Spirit (vs. 13, 15)

- A. In light of a God not seen (v. 12)
- B. The indwelling Holy Spirit

What does the Holy Spirit do?

THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT IS SANCTIFYING YOU...

1. To help you live the Christian life.
2. To convict you of sin.
3. To help you flee temptation.
4. Will bring scripture to your mind – controls your thinking.

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5. Will help you understand scripture.
6. He will guide you in life, decision making.
7. Will pray on your behalf (*Romans 8:26-27*).

II. We have **confidence** in the day of judgment (v.17)

- A. God wants you to have loving confidence
 - B. Now here is the confidence part, *boldness* (v.17)
- Why?

Christians will *NOT* be judged, punished!

III. We have **courage** in the face of fear (v. 18)

- A. No fear in love

LOVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS FREES US FROM FEAR:

> *Psalm 118:6*

> *Psalm 56:4*

> *Hebrews 13:6*

- B. Courage in our God

A PLAQUE READS:

"The fear of God is the one fear that removes all others

The enemy of fear is love; the way to put off fear is to put on love."

Consider: Love moves toward others;
Fear shrinks away from them.

Love is self- giving; Fear is self-protecting.

Love is stronger since, it can "cast out fear."

CONCLUSION:

- Love, courage, and the Holy Spirit enables us to move ahead and live for God in spite of opposition.
- Love and courage makes us bold to proclaim Jesus to a lost and dying, needy world.
- Someone who does not know the Lord... fear:

Fear, Phobia list:

Arachnophobia – Panophobia -
Claustrophobia – Coulrophobia -
Glossophobia – Coasterphobia -
Enochlophobia – FOMO -
Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia –
Bananaphobia –
Phobophobia –