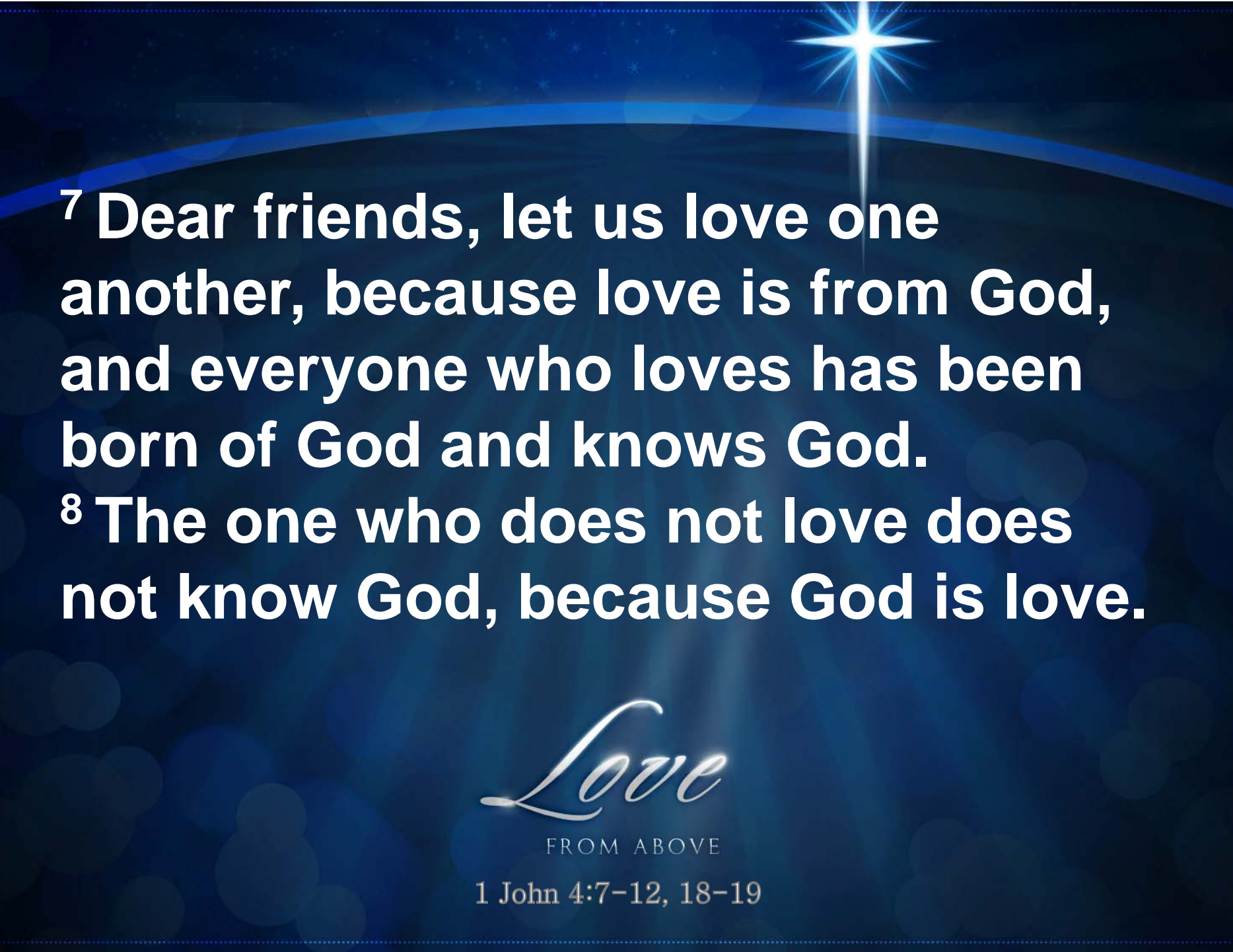




Love

FROM ABOVE

1 John 4:7-12, 18-19




⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

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⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

¹⁰ Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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11 Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is perfected in us.

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1⁸ There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears has not reached perfection in love.

1⁹ We love because He first loved us.

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1. Love is Divine

7...because love is from God.

All meaningful relationships are built on the trustful standard of love.

Agape is the love of God. God is the standard of this love; His very nature is love.

Jesus' Advent brought God's love to earth.

2. Love is Giving

9...God sent His One and Only Son into the world

Adam and Eve did not surprise God.

He had already set a plan to give.

His gift has removed our guilt and sin so completely that He can show mercy to believing sinners like us.

Love found the way.

2. Love is Giving

Propitiation – (appeasement) There is nothing that man can do or say to appease God so that He can adopt a favorable attitude or kindly disposition toward us.

God is propitiated because His holy and righteous character has been vindicated by means of the vicarious and expiatory sacrifice of Christ.

3. Love Needs Verification

11...if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

With Jesus everyone could see and sense the presence of the invisible God in the character, conduct, and conversation of the Lord Jesus.

Today, we are verified by how we reveal God through our relationship with Christ.

4. Love Drives out Fear

18...perfect love drives out fear;

- There is no fear in love.**
- If we really love someone, there is no need to fear him.**
- In fact, we will not fear him. If we love the person, sacrificially give him our very best, then we have done all we can.**

19 We love because He first loved us.

Never been any question about His love.

But we must ask...

Do we love Him?

Do we love another?