

The Greatest of These is Love – Introduction
1 John 4:7-11

1. The Spiritual Prerequisites for Love (7-8)

2. The Supreme Manifestation of Love (9-10)

“Fallen humanity would never have known such redeeming love apart from the fact that God took the initiative in revealing His love to mankind. Therefore, “all our definitions of what love is and how it behaves must be drawn from him if they are to accord with reality.”¹

Search we the whole universe for love in its most glorious displays? It is to be found in the person and the cross of Christ.²

3. The Stipulated Obligation of Love (11)

¹ Hiebert, D. Edmond. 1991. [The Epistles of John: An Expository Commentary](#). Greenville, SC: Bob Jones University Press.

² Henry, Matthew, and Thomas Scott. 1997. [Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary](#). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems.