

The Unexpected God

“Love That Matters”

1 John 4:9-16

Contemporary music, movies, and literature regularly paint a decidedly emotion-driven picture of love. Sentimentality and feelings drive every decision and determine every standard. This cultural bias confuses our conception of the God who is love. How, then, can we even comprehend this misunderstood insight that God is love?

1. Foundations of Love (vv.9, 10)

- **An Incomprehensible Gift**
- **A Missional Purpose**
- **A Mysterious Object**
- **An Astonishing Initiative**

2. Obligations of Love (vv.11, 12)

- **A Moral Expectation**
- **A Practical Display**

3. Evidences of Love (vv.13-16)

- **An Internal Certainty**
- **An External Confession**
- **A Personal Conclusion**