Perfect Love
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3 Fundamental Truths about God’s Perfect Love:

1. **Perfect Love is Rooted in God (v. 7-10)**

Love = *Agape* (selfless, sacrificial love)
- A love that seeks the highest good for another
- A love that forfeits rights and privileges for the sake of the other
- “The total commitment to the betterment of another person.”

“Love is from God the way heat is from fire, or the way light is from the sun. Love belongs to God’s nature. It’s woven into what he is. It’s part of what it means to be God. The sun gives light because it is light. And fire gives heat because it is heat... God’s nature is love, and in the new birth that nature becomes part of who you are.” - John Piper

(v. 7) “everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

Matthew 22:36-38

Propitiation = *Hilasmos* (the means of appeasing wrath)

4 Things God Does Not Know:
1. God does not know a sin he doesn’t hate.
2. God does not know a sinner he doesn’t love.
3. God does not know a better plan of salvation.
4. God does not know a better time than now.

2. **Perfect Love is Desired by God (v. 11-16)**

Perfected = *teleio* (to become mature or complete)

3. **Perfect Love is Promised from God (v. 17-21)**

“as he is, so also are we in this world.”