



BETHELCHURCH

The Love That Overcomes  
1 John 4:7-21  
Rev. Kevin Kompelien

## At Home Study Guide

For the week of April 10, 2016

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### The Love That Overcomes

God is the author of love. The greatest demonstration of His love is Jesus. Our Heavenly Father sent His Son to rescue us from our sinful condition. Through Jesus we discover fullness of life as our relationship with our Heavenly Father is restored. Many voices try to define what love is and is not. Love songs and books fill our minds with what love looks like. Yet, we see in 1 John 4 that the greatest example of love is the Father sending His Son Jesus to redeem those who have wandered away. This love from our Father drives out fear and woos us to obedience as we experience His love and share that love with others. The evidence of being loved by God is found as we love others.

- As you read through 1 John 4:7-21, what stands out to you? What words or ideas are repeated?
- According to this passage, how are truth and love interconnected?
- John also wrote about abiding in Jesus in John 15. Why is abiding a significant concept for John? Do any other scripture passages come to mind when you think of abiding in Jesus?
- We see again in 1 John 4:10, 18 that there is no third destination, we will spend eternity with God (heaven) or without Him (hell). When do you find it difficult to hold onto God's love and His justice?
- We love because God first loved us. If you are struggling to love a neighbor, friend, or family member, ask your Heavenly Father to remind you of His love. Pray that you might bear fruit according to the work of His Spirit. Also, pray for others in your group who might be struggling to love well.

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