

“The Why Behind the What”

John expands his case for love by tying it to the nature of our God. He gives the “**why**” behind the “**what**.”

I. LOVE IS THE _____ . (vv. 7-8)

A. What does this mean? *“for love is from God”*

Love didn’t originate with Adam. It’s not sourced in man. Within himself God is holiness and truth and love.

B. Why is this a big deal? *“anyone who does not love”*

II. LOVE WAS _____ . (vv. 9-10)

A. W _____ required the _____ .

B. L _____ was due to the _____ . (vv. 9b-10)

III. LOVE IS THE _____ . (vv. 11-12)

A. Love is how the _____ God is _____. (v. 12a)

B. Love _____ God’s _____. (v. 12b)