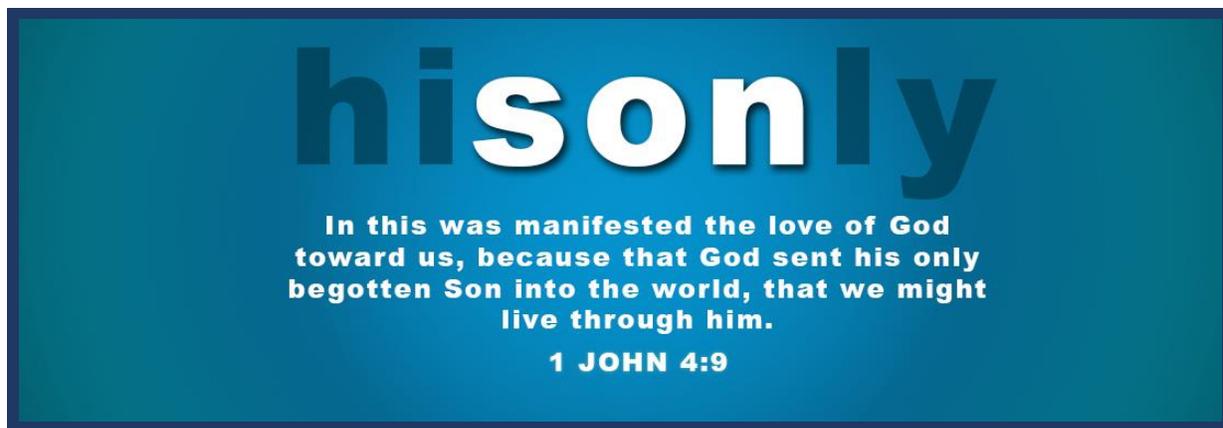


# SPRING QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015

THEME: THE PRESENCE, POWER AND PROPERTIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## UNIT II – HIS POWER

### “JESUS CHRIST IS GOD’S SOURCE AND SUSTAINER OF LOVE”



Lesson VIII – April 19, 2015

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- Lesson Text:** I John 4:13 – 5:5
- Lesson Required Reading:** I John 4:1 – 5:12
- Lesson Motto Texts:** I John 4:19, *“We love him, because he first loved us.”*  
I John 5:1, *“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.”*
- Reliable Resources:** Standard Lesson Commentary; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Epistle of John Commentary and I John (H. A. Ironside); Precepts for Living(UMI); Barnes Notes on the New Testament; MacArthur Study Bible; Spiritual Warfare by Dr. David Jeremiah; Word-Search 10 Electronic Library System; The Outline Bible by H. L. Willmington

#### LESSON INTRODUCTION

When one wants to be free from deception, he should consider the source of his information. Dr. John MacArthur emphasizes three things that John the Apostle continually proclaims in his epistle to avoid being deceived by false teachers: “The need for obedience to the Word, the need to exercise biblical love and the need to have a proper view of Jesus Christ.” Our focus during this month has been centered on exemplifying and demonstrating Christ’s love! No apostle has said more about this kind of love than John. He understood that the community of Christ must live in **“God’s Love Zone.”** Of course this is the Agapé (unconditional, divine) love practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ. If a person proclaims to be a Christian and has not this kind of love, his belief or profession is futile and in vain.

From where does this love come? What is its source and Who is its sustainer? According to John in I John 4:8 and 16, **“God is love”** and I declare that all of God’s offspring are easily identified by His DNA of love! **“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love... And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”** Also note John 13:35, **“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another.”** Beloved, the love of Jesus is so deep and unexplainable that Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:19 that Christ’s love looms on the borders of incomprehensibility.

God Himself is the very originator, source and sustainer of love’s embodiment. He is the dictionary definition of love! Love is His very nature. So it is only expected that those who are His offspring should emulate His very nature. It has been said, “One can give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving.” Thus God, the Source of Love, demonstrated this love by His unspeakable gift... Jesus Christ, who became our sinless sacrifice through love! God the Sovereign source of love knew that sinful humanity was destined for damnation. (Romans 3:10, 23: **“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”**) And He gave the antidote for humanity’s salvation, as recorded in Romans 5:6-8, **“For**

*when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

**Anticipated Power Points: Jesus Christ is...**

- **Love’s Source that Renders Security. I John 4:13-19**
- **Love’s Source that Leads the Redeemed to Share. I John 4:20-21**
- **Love’s Source that is Sustained by the Scriptures. I John 5:1-5**

## OUTLINE

**Jesus Christ is...**

### **I. Love’s Source that Renders Security. I John 4:13-19**

#### **A. The security of His Spirit. vs. 13**

The Holy Spirit is the sign of God’s security in us. John 14:26-27, *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your Remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”* (Also read John 16:13-14; Ephesians 1:13-14)

#### **B. The security of His Son. vss. 14-16**

John testifies of his personal knowledge of Jesus and declares that all in Christ’s community have this testimony within them!

1. I John 1:1-4, *“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”*
2. Romans 10:9-10, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

#### **C. The security of love’s strength. vss. 17-19**

The security of love’s strength is demonstrated in the fact that one lives in expectation of Christ’s return without fear! (II Corinthians 5:1-13; I John 3:1-10)

### **II. Love’s Source that Leads the Redeemed to Share. I John 4:20-21; (James 2:14-17, “What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.”)**

When we have experienced the true love of God, we must without question share it, impart it, and reflect it in all our doings! The Source of Christ’s love leads His followers to become pandemic in their practice of His love!

### **III. Love’s Source that is Sustained by the Scriptures. I John 5:1-5**

#### **A. Believing the scriptures concerning the Christ and His promises joyfully. vss. 1-2**

#### **B. Believing the scriptures and becoming conquerors through faith in His word. vss. 3-5**

## CLOSING

Jesus Christ is God’s Source and Sustainer of Love demonstrated in the lives of His followers. The hymn declares, “Jesus Lover of my Soul” and since He loves my soul, I can trust Him with everything. The question is, “Can I be trusted?”



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