

**TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE
FOCUS:**

**I JOHN
4:7-21**

**"WHAT'S
LOVE
GOT TO DO
WITH IT"**

"If you want your church to become purpose-driven, you will have to lead it through four critical phases." (pg. 93-94)

4 CRITICAL PHASES:

(pg. 94)

1. Define Your Purpose;
2. Communicate Purposes;
3. Organize Around Purposes
4. Apply Your Purposes;

"It isn't our job to create the purposes of the church but to discover them."
(pg. 98)

"Once you have defined the purposes of your church, you must continually clarify and communicate them..." (pg. 112)

**“WHAT’S
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“LOVE” = 494x

01. Eros
02. Phileo
03. Storge
04. Agape

“For GOD so *loved* the world that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whoever believes in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
John 3:16

“You shall *love* the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”
Deuteronomy 6:5

“For whom the LORD *loves*, HE corrects.”
Proverbs 3:12

“Hatred stirs up strife, but *love* covers a multitude of sins.”
Proverbs 10:12

“Let him kiss me with the
kisses of his mouth –
For your love is better
than wine.”

Song of Solomon 1:2

“Husbands,
love your wives,
just as Christ also loved
the church and gave
HIMSELF for her,…”

Ephesians 5:25

“And we know that all
things work together for
good to those who love
GOD, to those who are
the called according to
HIS purpose.”

Romans 8:28

“Love does
no harm to a neighbor;
therefore love is the
fulfillment of the law.”

Romans 13:10

“Though I speak with the
tongues of men and of
angels and have not love,
I have become sounding
brass or a clanging
cymbal.”

I Corinthians 13:1

“...and though I have all
faith, so that I could
remove mountains, and
have not love, I am
nothing.”

I Corinthians 13:2

“And though I bestow all
my goods to feed the
poor...
but have not love, it
profits me nothing.”
I Corinthians 13:3

“Love suffers long and is
kind; love does not envy;
love does not parade
itself, is not puffed up;”

“Love never fails.”
I Corinthians 13:4 & 13:8

“But I say to you,
love your enemies,
bless those who curse
you...”
Matthew 5:44

“For GOD so loved the
world that HE gave HIS
only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in HIM
should not perish, but
have everlasting life.”
John 3:16

“A new commandment
I give to you, that you
love one another; as I
have loved you, that
you also love another.”
John 13:34

“By this all will know
that you are MY
disciples if you have
love for one another.”
John 13:35

"If you
love ME,
keep MY
commandments."

John 14:15

"He who has MY
commandments and
keeps them, it is he
who loves ME."

John 14:21a

"And he who loves ME
will be loved by MY
FATHER, and I will love
him and manifest
MYSELF to him."

John 14:21b

"As the FATHER
loved ME,
I also have loved
you, abide in
MY love."

John 15:9

"If you keep MY
commandments, you will
abide in MY love, just as
I have kept MY FATHER's
commandments and
abide in HIS love."

John 15:10

"This is
MY commandment,
that you love one
another as I have
loved you."

John 15:12

“Greater love
has no one
than this, than to
lay down one’s life for
his friends.”

John 15:13

“These things
I command you,
that you
love
one another.”

John 15:17

“for the FATHER Himself
loves you,
because
you have loved ME,
and have believed that
I came forth from GOD.”

John 15:27

“...Simon, bar Jonah, do
you love ME more than
these?”

“...Feed MY lambs.”

“...Tend MY sheep.”

“Feed MY sheep.”

John 21:15-17

“But whoever keeps
HIS word, truly the
love of GOD is
perfected in him. By
this we know that we
are in HIM.” ***I John 2:5***

“He who loves
his brother
abides in the light,
and there is no cause
for stumbling in him.”

I John 2:10

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the FATHER is not in him.” *I John 2:15*

“Behold what manner of love the FATHER has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of GOD!”
I John 3:1a

“By this we know love, because HE laid down HIS life for us. And we ought to also lay down our lives for the brethren.”
I John 3:16a

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”
I John 3:17

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: DOWNWARD

#2: UPWARD

#3: INWARD

#4: OUTWARD

**SERMONIC
POINT #1:
DOWNWARD**
(from GOD)

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of GOD; and everyone who loves is born of GOD and knows GOD.”

I John 4:7

“He who does not love does not know GOD, for GOD is love.”

I John 4:8

“In this the love of GOD was manifested toward us, that GOD has sent HIS only begotten SON ...that we might live...”

I John 4:9

“In this is love, not that we loved GOD, but that HE loved us and sent HIS SON to be the propitiation for our sins.”

I John 4:10

**SERMONIC
POINT #2:
UPWARD**
(to GOD)

“And we have known and believed the love that GOD has for us. GOD is love, and he who abides in love abides in GOD, and GOD in him.”

I John 4:16

“Whoever believes that
JESUS is the Christ
is born of GOD, and
everyone who loves HIM
who begot also loves him
who is begotten of HIM.”

I John 5:1

“By this
we know that we love
the children of GOD,
when we love GOD
and keep HIS
commandments.”

I John 5:2

“For this is the love of
GOD, that we keep HIS
commandments. And HIS
commandments are not
burdensome.”

I John 5:3

**SERMONIC
POINT #3:**

INWARD

(from GOD to Self)

“We love HIM
because
HE first
loved us.”

I John 4:19

**SERMONIC
POINT #4:**

OUTWARD

(from Self to Neighbor)

“Beloved,
if GOD so loved us,
we also ought
to love one another.”

I John 4:11

“...If we love one
another, GOD abides in
us, and HIS love has
been perfected in us.”

I John 4:12

“If someone says,
“I love GOD,” and hates his
brother, he is a liar; for he
who does not love his
brother whom he has seen,
how can he love GOD whom
he has not seen.” **4:20**

“By this we know love,
because HE laid down
HIS life for us. And we
ought to also lay down
our lives for the brethren.

I John 3:16a