

KNOWING GOD RELATIONSHIP REBOOT

1 JOHN 3:1

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The missing element.

Something is missing in the world...

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

- Have you ever *really* considered the quality of God's love?
 - 3:1a *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.*
 - God's love is personal: *See what kind of love the Father...*
 - God's love is over and above: *...has given to us,*
 - God's love is transformative: *that we should be called children of God; and so we are.*

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- Have you been transformed by the love of God – 3:1a *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.*
- What do we need God's love for? 3:1b *The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*
 - Relationship with God
 - Relationships with one another

Wait, aren't there a lot of people who claim to believe in God?

Why is the love of God absent in so many who claim to know God?

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

What's missing in you?

2 Corinthians 5:15

and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Why would you not embrace God's love today?

"The cross is a plus sign; it reconciles sinners to God and people to one another."¹ – Warren Wiersbe

Next Steps (Connect Card)

- **I'm committing my life to Jesus for the first time.**
- **I'm repenting and renewing my commitment to Jesus.**
- **I'm interested in being baptized.**
- **I'm interested in Starting Point.**
- **I'm interested in Grace Track.**

¹ Warren W. Wiersbe, *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992), 775.