

SERMON NOTES

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B * May 2, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Acts 8:26-40 * Psalm 22:24-30 * 1 John 4:7-21 * John 15:1-8

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

1 John 4:7-12, 16-17, 19-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us...

16 ...And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus...

19 ...We love because he first loved us. **20** Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Next Week's Lessons

Acts 10:44-48 * Psalm 98 * 1 John 5:9-13 * John 15:9-17

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What is one way the Messiah family shows love to you? Why is that important to you?
2. What is one way you show love to your Messiah family? Why is it important to you to do that?
3. How does the Messiah family help you see, hear, or experience God?
4. How do you help the Messiah family – or anyone in it – see, hear, or experience God through you?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for the ways he loves you and shows himself to you through his Messiah family.
 - ✦ For God to show himself to and through you to your Messiah family and to the world.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.