



We find such joy discovering that God exists in a triune relationship as the Godhead, in an eternal loving relationship with himself.

Text: **1 John 4:8**

God did not need to create someone to experience or know love, he knew it perfectly in eternity past within the Trinity. However, he did create you and I and now is inviting us into that living, loving relationship through Christ.

What does it mean that God is inviting us into a living, loving relationship with himself through Christ?

I. He initiated the relationship. – **Vs. 1 John 4:19**

A. He first loved us. (Vs. **Romans 5:8**)

“This is the sum of all religion (worship of God) the genuine model of Christianity. None can say more: why should anyone says less.” – John Wesley

B. That we may love him. – Vs. **1 John 4:15-16**

A question we may ask, “Who holds your heart?” The answer to that question reveals who, or what, you love most. Is it Christ?

II. He is the remedy when we don’t feel loved.
– Vs. **Ephesians 3:16-19**

A. We are rooted and grounded in his love.

“To be rooted and grounded means our roots run deep into Christ and we are grounded or anchored securely into Christ!”

B. That we may be able to comprehend his love.

“The Redeemer’s love for His people is so great, of such magnitude, as to be almost beyond comprehension.”

III. He is the example of a living, loving relationship for us.
– Vs. **John 15:9**

A. We love God most, to love other’s best.

“Primarily because an appropriate love for God will keep my love for others centered in what brings the Lord glory and blesses those I love. A love for others flows out of a love for God.”

B. How we love others reveals our love for God.
(Vs. **1 John 4:20-21**)

Application:

What is the most loving thing you can do for your family today? What is the most loving thing you can do for yourself today? If your mind went to a task or a loving word, may I encourage you that the most loving thing you will do today is to love God with your whole heart!

When we are living in that type of relationship with the Lord, loving acts and words will flow naturally out of us for his glory.