

Advent Series: *Love Overcomes*

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I. Obstacles

II. The Power Of God's Love

1st John 4

v. 9-11

Love Revealed

v. 14 - 16

Love Remains

v. 17-19

Love Reaches

III. Set Free To Love

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

The first advent is fundamentally a story about love. By sending His Son into the world, the Father has both revealed His love for humanity & enabled those who receive it to be set free from insecurity, fear & shame.

Through the Lord Jesus, God gives a lasting love that reaches further than mere human love could ever hope to extend. His love is able to transcend worldly obstacles & affect permanent change. It is a love that motivates its recipients into action—driven by the desire to help others experience it for themselves.

God's love removes the condemnation of sin & overcomes the obstacles which prevent us from achieving our maximum potential. His loves remains in us, it sets us free to live courageously & serve sacrificially.

What is your present understanding of & experience with, God's love? Have you been preoccupied with thinking about it only in terms of what it does for you? Have you given any consideration to the reality that God wants to work His love through you? This Christmas, are you willing to both receive the gift of God's love & be a bearer of it to those around you?

Prayerfully express your thankfulness that God's love has been revealed through Christ, that it remains with those who receive it & that it reaches out into a hurting & lost world. Ask God to reveal the areas in our life where love has been lacking. Commit to invest more attention & effort into letting His love overcome in & through your life this Christmas.