

Sermon Notes  
“Christ-Centered: Sacrifice” – I John 4: 7-12  
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Introduction to Scripture:

Lake Highlands UMC is a Christ-Centered Church – (John 1:1, John 3: 16)

We believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God who overcame the power of death when he died on the Cross and rose from the grave for our salvation.

Three reasons why we need to know about Jesus’ salvific work:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
2. We need to answer \_\_\_\_\_ that people have about Jesus.
3. Knowing Jesus’ love for us helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ him more.

Sermon

- I. Greek words for “love”
  - A. Phileo – to have a special interest in \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Storge – love for \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Agape - \_\_\_\_\_ love
  
- II. What does it mean for the love of God in Jesus to be expressed as “...the atoning sacrifice for our sins?” (I John 4:10)
  - a. Jewish perspective
  
  - b. Early Christian Church perspective (John 1: 29,35 and Hebrews 9: 13-14)
  
- III. The Challenges of Sacrifice
  - A. How do we answer the question, “What kind of loving God would sacrifice His Son?”
  - B. Sacrifice as \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- IV. The Connection of Sacrifice/Life Application
  - A. Think about who made sacrifices for you. Take a moment to thank God for their lives.
  
  - B. What kind of sacrifice can you make this week as a witness to the love of Jesus working in and through you?