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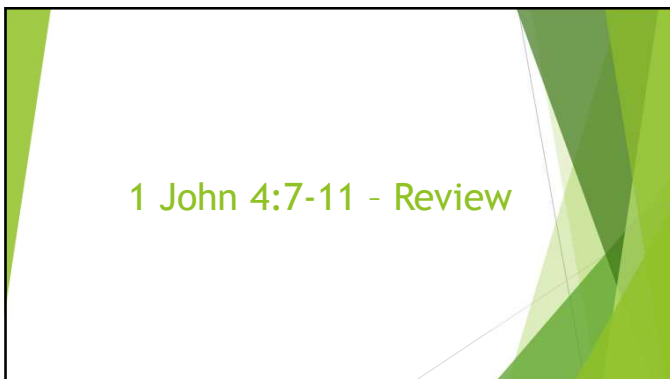
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1 John 4:12-16 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

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- ▶ Jesus told the disciples that if they had seen Him, they had seen God so how can John state that no one has seen God at any time?
- ▶ What does it mean that love is perfected in us?
- ▶ Why should we love?

1 John 4:12-16

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- ▶ How do we know we are in Him and He is in us?
- ▶ How do we know we have received the Holy Spirit?
- ▶ What does the presence of the Lord look like?
- ▶ What does it involve to confess that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 4:12-16

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1 John 4:17-18 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

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- ▶ What is the day of judgement?
- ▶ What does it mean that as Jesus is, so also are we in this world?
- ▶ Is it a contradiction that we are to fear the Lord but with perfect love, we are to have no fear?

1 John 4:17-18

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1 John 4:19-21 We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

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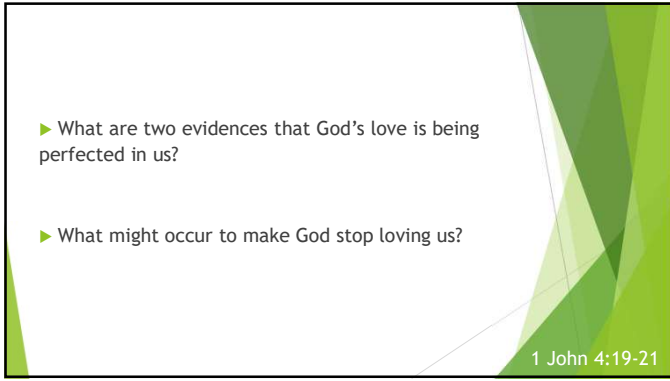
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- ▶ What are two evidences that God's love is being perfected in us?
- ▶ What might occur to make God stop loving us?

1 John 4:19-21

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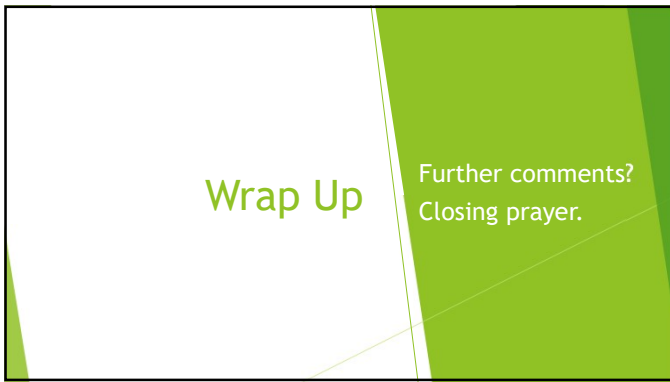
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Wrap Up

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