

## **God is Love**

(1 John 4:7-5:4a; S. Terry at CFC; Sunday AM, 9/9/18)

**Theme:** We can know that we know God by loving God and keeping His commands; in particular, His command to love one another.

### **I. Loving one another proves we are born of God (4:7-11)**

- A. The source of love (4:7-8)
- B. The demonstration of love (4:9-10)
- C. The obligation to love (4:11)

### **II. Loving one another proves God's mutual abiding (4:12-21)**

- A. God's abiding and perfecting love (4:12)
- B. The Spirit's abiding truth and love (4:13-16)
- C. Complete love casts out fear (4:17-19)
- D. Complete obedience loves one another (4:20-21)

### **III. Loving one another is not burdensome (5:1-4a)**

- A. Children of God believe in Jesus (5:1a)
- B. Children of God love God by loving one another (5:1b)
- C. Children of God obey God and overcome the world (5:2-4a)