

FAST FACTS: 1ST JOHN FOUR VERSES SEVEN-ELEVEN #13

1. IN VERSE SEVEN JOHN IS NOT COMMANDING US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER OR EARN OR BECOME WORTHY OF GOD'S LOVE. NO, WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE WE ARE LOVED BY GOD. WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT LOVE AND SHOULD LIVE OUR LIVES IN LIGHT OF IT.

2. REMEMBER THE CHORUS: "THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE." OUR LOVE ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY IS NOT PERFECT, BUT IT MUST BE PRESENT AND SHOULD BE GROWING. THERE ARE SOME WHO DON'T KNOW GOD OR REALLY BELIEVE THAT GOD IS LOVE.

3. WE ARE REMINDED OF JOHN 3:16 WHEN JOHN USES THE WORDS "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON". GOD SHOWED, DEMONSTRATED, AND MANIFESTED HIS LOVE TOWARD US BY SENDING HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO CAME TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

4. PROPITIATION IS A LEGAL TERM. IT MEANS YOU REGAIN SOMEONE'S FAVOR BY MAKING UP FOR SOMETHING YOU DID WRONG. WE WERE HELPLESS, HOPELESS AND HAPLESS. WE COULD NOT JUSTIFY OURSELVES WITH GOD.

5. JESUS' PERFECT SACRIFICE DIDN'T JUST COVER OUR SINS, THE WAY THE ANIMAL SACRIFICES DIE. IT ERASED THEM. HEBREWS 8:12 "FOR I WILL FORGIVE THEIR INIQUITY AND WILL REMEMBER THEIR SIN NO MORE!"

6. SO JOHN SAID, IF GOD HAS LAVISHED (1ST JOHN 3:1) THIS KIND OF LOVE ON US, THEN WE NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF THAT LOVE BY LOVING OTHERS.