

# Renovating Our Relationships

RENOVATE #6 – Pastor Gary Combs – February 12, 2023 – 1 John 4:7-21

1 John 4:7-21 (ESV) <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## HOW TO LET THE LOVE OF GOD RENOVATE OUR RELATIONSHIPS:

### 1. Receive the gift of God's love for \_\_\_\_\_.

Titus 3:5-6, John 3:3, John 3:16

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_, abandoning former defensiveness.

John 15:5, 8-10, James 4:1-2

### 3. Let God's perfect love \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 12:9-16

### 4. Let God's redeeming love flow to you and \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 3:14-18, John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13