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**AMEN Bible Study 2022**  
**Men After God's Own Heart: Free to Love Sacrificially**  
**1 John 4:7-21**  
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*"By this all people will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." – John 13:35*

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." -John 15:12-13*

*"You have heard that it was said, 'you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." – Matthew 5:43-45*

### **Scripture Introduction**

#### **1. Born in Love (v.7-8)**

- *"...whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."*

#### **2. Secured in Love (v.9-10)**

- *"...He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*

### **3.Completed in Love (v.11-12)**

- “... *God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.*”

### **4.Abiding through Love (v.13-16)**

- “*By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, He has given us of His Spirit.*”

### **5.Empowered to Love (v.17-21)**

- “*There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear...We love because He first loved us.*”

## **Discussion Questions**

### **Knowing**

- Why would we say that love has its origin in God? Can an unbeliever truly show love? How is the love shown by Christians going to be different?
- What is the difference between being compelled and controlled by God's love as opposed to just being inspired or motivated by God's love?

### **Being**

- How does abiding in love give us confidence when we face the Day of Judgment? How would this give us assurance in our daily living?
- How does love cast out fear? What does fear reveal about our relationship with God?

### **Doing**

- In what areas of your life do you feel it's difficult to show sacrificial love?
- Who are the people in your life that you find the most difficult to love? What steps do you need to make this week to change that?