

“Thank You God For So-Loving Us”

1 John 4:12-14

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Matt. 26:36–38; Mark 14:32–34; Luke 22:44; John 1:18; 3:16; 13:34–35

John 14:6–11; 15:5; Acts 10:43; Rom. 2:4; 5:8; 1 Cor. 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:15,19–20

Gal. 5:22–23; Eph. 2:4–5; 1 Tim. 2:6; 4:10; 2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 3:19–20

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Reflection & Discussion

1. (From 2 weeks ago) In verse 12 John speaks of God’s love being “perfected” in us.
 - a. What does that mean? (HINT: *progressive sanctification* or *spiritual maturity*)
 - b. How do we achieve this ‘perfection’?
 - c. Have an open discussion about *progressive sanctification*: What hinders you from maturing in your faith? What helps you? How can believers help one-another mature in their faith? ...etc.

2. Consider and discuss John’s statement “No one has ever seen God”. How is that reality meant to *stir* you as a Christian? (HINT: each of us is called to be His ‘ambassador’).

3. Consider and discuss the fact that *Christ died for the world*:
 - a. Can you confidently explain the message of salvation? (Do it! Share a 2 minute version of the Gospel.)
 - b. What Bible passages make it clear that *anyone* can be saved (as opposed to the ‘elect’).