

Living of love

1 John 4:7-21

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Understanding God's love has been the biggest step in my faith journey. God's love is a very complex love, not a brotherly love, or a friendly love, but a love that is steadfast and never alters. His love for us persists through everything we do. It is hard for me to grasp how God can love a person through every sin or wrong that person commits. But isn't that the essence of God's love? To love us even when we do not deserve it. A part of God's steadfast love is that he loves us even though we are sinners. God's love is truly the only constant in our lives. We as humans can do nothing at all to make God's love for us change. The beauty of God's love is that we can do nothing to make him love us more or less. Having a constant as great as God's love gives us strength and a backbone in our everyday lives. When I have gone through difficult times in my life, God's love provided me with a constant and comfort in my life. How would we survive in today's world without a constant as great as God's love? In a society that is ever-changing there needs to be something that keeps us grounded and stable. Though we may not think "Oh well at least God still loves us" whenever something goes wrong, his love will always be there to comfort us in our times of need. The passage from which this is based on basically summarizes God's love for us through two general characteristics: That his love satisfies us and assures us. His love satisfies us because it is unconditional, so even if we question God's love or goodness, there is no question that he loves us. The other characteristic given in the passage was that God's love assures us in times of self doubt and need. So no matter if I fail my calculus test tomorrow or cause my tennis team to lose a match, I can be assured that God will love me at the end of the day. My faith journey is far from over and I still have a lot to learn about my own faith and my relationship with god, but this passage presented an idea to me which has changed the way I view my relationship with God. He loved me even before I loved him, and he will continue to love me no matter what I do. To have such a reassuring feeling that God will love me at times when even I do not love myself will always give me comfort in my life. As I prepare to head off to college away from my family, it is good to know that I will have the same constant of God's love with me no matter where I go. Though we will never be able to have steadfast love for something like God has steadfast love for us, we are truly blessed to have such a constant and comfort in our lives at all times.