***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

***7****Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.****8****Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.****9****This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.****10****This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.****11****Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.****12****No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.* ***13****This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.****14****And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.****15****If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.****16****And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.  Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

1 John 4:7-16

Introduction: Today’s sermon is the fourth in this series entitled “Blessed Assurance”, from the book of 1 John. In the first 3 sermons, we looked at The Assurance of Forgiveness (1 John 1) and The Assurance of Relationship (1 John 2), and The Assurance of The New Birth (1 John 3). Our topic this morning will be The Assurance Of God’s Love (1 John 4). The Christian life is a life of KNOWING and the word “know” is a key word in 1 John. One of the greatest things you can know and be assured of is God’s love. Then, once you truly know it, you will want to extend it toward others.

1. YOU NEED TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GOD’S LOVE (4:1-10):

a. Test the “spirits” and believe in Jesus (1-3).

b. Triumph over the world (4-6)

c. Take a good look at true love (7-10).

2. YOU NEED TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GOD’S LOVE (4:11-21):

a. God’s love makes you strong (11-16).

b. God’s love makes you fearless (17-18).

c. God’s love makes you obedient (19-21).

CONCLUSION: Do you know God and His love?

Answers: 1. Embrace 2. Extend