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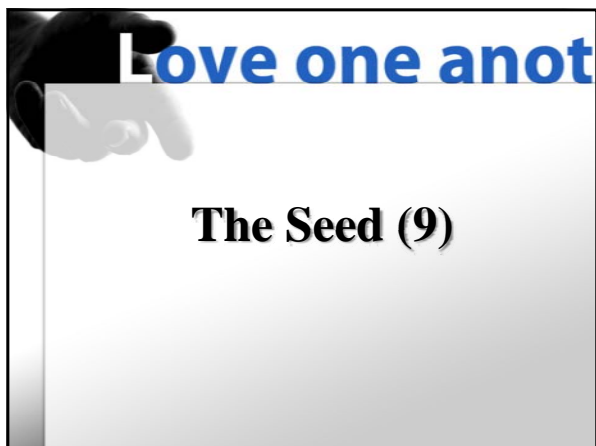
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**Love one another.**

*9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

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**Love one another.**

The seed of God denotes the power of God operative through the Holy Spirit working in believers.

– Spyros Zodhiates

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**Love one another.**

**What kind of seed is it?**  
**(vs. 1)**

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**Love one another.**

*1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

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**Love one another.**

The love is not simply exhibited towards believers, but imparted to them. The divine love is, as it were, infused into them, so that it is their own, and becomes in them the source of a divine life.

– Brooke Foss Westcott

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**Love one another.**

*Psalm 8:4-8*

*What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?  
Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!*

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**Love one another.**

*You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field,*

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**Love one another.**

*The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.*

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**Love one another.**

*I See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

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**Love one anot**

**What will it produce?**  
**(vs. 2)**

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**Love one another.**

*2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*

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**Love one another.**

It has been rightly said that imitation is the highest form of praise, and this transformation will be a supreme tribute to Jesus Christ—that He is the Chief One among many who are made like Him.

— John MacArthur

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**Love one anot**

**Growth Starts Now**  
**(vs. 3-8)**

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**Love one another.**

*3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

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**Love one another.**  
*4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.*

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**Love one another.**  
*7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;*

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**Love one another.**  
*8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.)*

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**Love one another.**  
The man is righteous who walks in the truth as his native element; in whom the truth dwells, controlling and guiding him; who belongs to the truth and draws from it the strength and inspiration of his life. Doctrine and life are inseparable.  
– Spyros Zodhiates  
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**Love one another.**  
It is not talking religion, but walking religion which proves a man to be sincere.  
– Charles Spurgeon  
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**Love one another.**  
**It's Obvious**  
**(vs. 9-10)**

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**Love one another.**

*9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

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**Love one another.**

*10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.*

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**Love one another.**

We have direct influence on and responsibility for our rate of becoming like Christ.

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