**Loving Our Neighbors**

**Listening to the Apostle of Love**

**Purifying Love**

**I. God’s Purifying Love gives us a new identity – We are children of God**

**Romans 5:8** - *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

A. It was made possible because God took the action of love

B. Our name is “child of God”

C. Potentially confusing to the world around us

**II. God’s Purifying Love gives us a promise for the future – The best is yet to come**

**Revelation 21:4** - *And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.*

A. We will see Him as HE actually is

B. WE will be like Him

**Romans 8:28-29** - *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren…*

**Philippians 3:20-21** - *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*

**III. God’s Purifying Love gives us motivation to pursue purity (vv. 3-10)**

A. Personal purity is consistent with the ministry of Christ (vv. 4-6)

B. Personal purity means we will not be deceived by people who talk well and live rebelliously (vv. 7-9)

C. Personal purity results in righteous living and loving our brothers (v. 10)