

ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Ten • 1John 3:11-18
How's Your Love Life?

What's Love Got to Do with Being Sure of Your Salvation?

EVERYTHING!

- ◆ **DOCTRINAL Test** - Do I *continue believing* in God's Son and His Gospel?
- ◆ **MORAL Test** - Do I *persevere in obeying* God's Law and follow His standards?
- ◆ **RELATIONAL Test** - Do I *keep on loving* God's people?
- ◆ **CHRONOLOGICAL Test** - Am I *abiding* in these things to the end?

True believers learn to **DISCERN** the difference between the world's love and God's love in Jesus.

"For this is the message you have heard from the beginning..." (3:11-15)

True believers learn to **LOVE** one another with a true Jesus love.

"We know love by this..." (3:16-18)

How We Love God's People Has Everything to Do with Our Assurance

1. God's People Don't Love One Another Like SATAN'S SEED. 3:11-15

Three Reasons True Believers Don't Love One Another Like Satan's Seed

- Loving one another is at the **HEART** of the gospel. (v. 11)
- Loving one another is **HATED** by the world. (vv. 12-13)
- Loving one another is **HOW** God gives assurance to His children. (vv. 14-15)

2. God's People Do Love One Another Like GOD'S SON. 3:16-18

Real "Jesus Love" in This Passage Is...

- Love for **ONE ANOTHER** in particular vs. a general love for everyone.

- Love that **PRACTICES RIGHTEOUSNESS** as a lifestyle vs. accepting sinfulness.
- Love that is **BORN OF GOD** through faith in Christ and His indwelling Spirit vs. our own failed efforts.
- Love that is **REALIZED** in Christ's blood atonement vs. a crossless gospel.

His Sacrifice for our sins.

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His Substitution in our place.

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His Satisfaction of God's holy wrath.

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True "Jesus Love" Is Realized!

- Love that is **LIVED OUT** vs. just spoken with words.

Loving One Another Always Involves...

- 1) **DYING** to self for others like Jesus. (v. 16)
- 2) **GIVING** sacrificially to others like Jesus. (v. 17)
- 3) **MEETING** needs of others like Jesus. (v. 18)

So How's Your Love Life? Does It Give You Assurance that You Are Truly Born Again?

- Who do you need to love in our church more than you have been?
- How have you been deceived by the world's distortion of "Jesus Love"?
- What is the Spirit leading you to do in order to be more loving toward God's people?
- Have you ever passed from death into the life and love of God in His Son, Jesus?

To Improve My Love Life, I Am Going to Stop and/or Start Doing the Following by Grace thru Faith in Jesus...