

ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Five • 1John 2:7-11

When Love Gets Real

Are You Saved and You Know It?

Then your life will surely show it by your LOVE for one another.

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 1John 2:3

Test of Love

Does your love for one another identify you as a true believer?

*By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
~Jesus, John 13:35*

Love Gets Real When

1. You KNOW the Commandment to Love One Another!

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 1John 2:7-8

Commandment Is Both Old and New

- Established in the past: Love one another as WE love ourselves.

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:18

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ~Jesus, Mathew 22:37-39

- Elevated in the present: Love one another as JESUS loves us.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” ~Jesus, John 13:34

2. You KEEP the Commandment to Love One Another!

He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 1John 2:9-11

Two Realities of Loving One Another

- Loving one another is EVIDENCE your relationship with Jesus is real.

No In-Between

Those who practice HATRED are living in darkness.
Those who practice LOVE are living in the light.

- Loving one another is MEASURED by my walk, not my talk.

Positive and Negative Results

- ✓ A life of love keeps you GROUNDED in life.
- ✓ A life of hatred brings great DANGER in life.

When Love Gets Real

Assurance of our salvation gets REAL too.

*We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. 1John 3:14
If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 1John 4:12-13*

How's Your “Love Life” When it Comes to Loving One Another?

- Does your love for one another identify you as a true believer in Jesus Christ?
- Is there one or two believers who you are not loving the way Jesus loves you?
- Confess your sin, ask forgiveness, and begin loving all believers, including those who are difficult to love or those who have hurt you.