

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: Assurance: Launch Pad for Righteous Living

Title: "Loving in Deed and in Truth"

LOVE: THE _____ MARK (3:11-18)

- Dr. Francis Schaeffer: The Mark of the Christian (1970)

- Love has always been an essential mark of every true Christian.

1. The _____ to Love (vs. 11).
"The message you heard from the beginning."

Why is love so important?

Is this kind of love doable?

2. The _____ of Cain (vss. 12-13; cp. Gen. 4:1-8).
THE PROTOTYPE OF THE WORLD. Cain's hatred . . .

- A. _____ in the Devil (vs. 12)
- B. _____ in murder (vs. 12)
- C. was the _____ of the world (vs. 13)

3. The _____ of Christ (vss. 14-18)
THE PROTOTYPE OF THE CHURCH.

- A. EVIDENCE of Love: _____, _____ (14-15)
- B. ESSENCE of Love: _____ - _____ (16-18):
 - 1) Perfectly manifested in the _____ death of Jesus Christ (16a).
 - 2) It's not just a revelation of love to be _____; it is an example to _____ (16b).
 - 3) True love is expressed not only in the supreme sacrifice; it is expressed in all _____ (17-18).

PUTTING LOVE INTO PRACTICE . . .

- Pray: "Give me one person this week to whom I can show love."
- Pray: "Help me to see a need."
- Do something about it that's _____.

THE _____ OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (3:19-24)

1. The blessing of _____ (vss. 19-20)

A. Two reasons why our hearts condemn us:

- 1) Our deceitful hearts ... beyond cure (Jer. 17:9)
- 2) Satan is "the accuser of our brothers" (Rev. 12:10)

B. The theme of 1 John is _____ (1 Jn. 5:11-13)

There are three tests throughout. Passing will promote assurance of salvation or confidence before God.

- 1) The _____ test (doctrinal test)
- 2) The _____ test (obedience test)
- 3) The _____ test (love test)

C. Our relationships _____ our relationship with God.

2. The blessing of _____ prayer (vss. 21-22)

Love for the brothers produces confidence toward God, and confidence toward God gives you boldness in asking for what you need. This does not mean that you earn answers to prayer by loving the brothers. It means that your love for the brothers proves that you're living in the will of God where God can answer your prayer(s).

3. The blessing of _____ (vss. 23-24)

Love enables one to know that he is abiding in Christ. Abiding in Christ—"living in Him and He is us" (John 15:1-14)—is a key experience for a believer who wants to "set his/her heart at rest in his presence whenever our heart condemn us."

A. The _____ (vs. 23)

"Abiding in Christ is not a mystical experience which anyone can claim, its indispensable accompaniments are the confession of Jesus as the Son of God come in the flesh, and a consistent live of holiness & love."

B. The _____: the Holy Spirit (vs. 24)

- 1) He's the _____ Spirit (Jn. 14:16)
- 2) He's the _____ Spirit (1 Jn. 4:1-6)
- 3) He's the _____ Spirit (1 Jn 5:6-12)