

THE LIFE: LOVING ONE ANOTHER
1 John 3:1-24

The Love: It All Starts with God's Love – 1 Jo 3:1-3; 1 Jo 4:19

- It comes from another realm... it must be "imported" – 1 Jo 3:1; 4:8
 - ...there is a stunning power to His love – Jo 17:23
- Out of God's "First Love" comes our "second birth" – 1 Jo 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1
 - ...there is a saving power to His Love – Jo 3:16; 1 Jo 4:10
 - ...there is a purifying power to His love – 1 Jo 3:3; 4:18

The Calling: To Abide in Him and His Love – 1 Jo 3:6

- We may make ourselves "at home" in Christ and His love – Jo 15:1-11
 - ...He is our Overcomer/Victory – 1 Jo 4:4; 5:4-5; Jo 16:33
- He came (to us and in us)... to take away sins – 1 Jo 3:5; Heb 9:26
 - ...to destroy the works of the devil – 1 Jo 3:8; Jo 14:30
- "Abide in Me"... where sin is conquered – 1 Jo 3:5-9
 - ...and where the devil is defeated – 1 Jo 3:8

The Test: The Practice of Righteous Love – 1 Jo 3:16

(Neither sin nor the devil can ever use the character of Christ/the Love of God for their purposes!)

- A "rebel": someone who cannot/will not love – 1 Jo 3:4,10,14
 - ...the love of God will not lead us into indifference, hatred, or murder – 1 Jo 3:12,15,17
- The source of righteous love: God Himself – 1 Jo 3:16; 4:19
- The object of righteous love: "us" – 1 Jo 3:1,16
- The result of righteous love: we become the children of God – 1 Jo 3:1
- Christ's sacrificial love for us is now the same love that is in us – 1 Jo 3:16,17
 - ...we are fully equipped to lay down our lives for one another – 1 Jo 3:14,16
- The witness of the Holy Spirit is our assurance we are loving in deed and in truth – 1 Jo 3:18,24
 - ...the witness of God's pleasure – 1 Jo 3:22... God's joy – Jo 15:11... confident praying – 1 Jo 3:21-22... our fears abating – 1 Jo 4:18... simplicity – 1 Jo 3:23