

“The Love Test”

Theme: God’s love should be clearly seen flowing through us.

- I. ARE YOU PROVING THAT YOU HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD BY A VIRTUOUS WALK IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH? (1:5-7; 2:6)
- II. ARE WE CONSISTENTLY CONFESSING OUR SIN TO GOD? (1:8-2:1)
- III. ARE WE ACTIVELY OBEYING GOD’S WORD? (2:3-5; 5:2-3)
- IV. ARE WE PRACTICING LOVE FOR GOD AND EACH OTHER? (2:7-11; 3:10c, 14-15; 4:7-12; 5:2)
 - A. True faith doesn’t follow the the lovelessness of false teachers.
 - B. True faith does not fail this relational responsibility.
 1. The command to love is consistent with what Christ taught all along. (2:7-8)
 2. This activity distinguishes us from the the haters enslaved to sin. (2:9-11; 3:10, 14, 15)
 3. This duty will _____ and put us in the _____.
 - *Does your conduct toward other Christians testify that you are one who is “born of God and knows God”? (5:4)*
 - *Do you take loving initiative to minister to needs?*
 - *Does your love shine bright in the darkness of unbelief and testify of the love of God to the lost?*