



What Great Love!
1 John 2:28-3:24

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What will we learn?

- ❖ If we abide in Jesus ...
 - ❖ We will do right.
 - ❖ We will love others.
- ❖ If we abide in Jesus ...
 - ❖ We can be confident about his return.
 - ❖ We can be confident in prayer.



Tools for epistles:

- ❖ Read it through in one setting.
- ❖ Remember that it's someone else's mail.
- ❖ Look for the occasion.

1 John 1

- ❖ We apostles proclaim what we have witnessed.
- ❖ Light vs. darkness
- ❖ Love vs. hate

1 John 2

- ❖ Because you know Jesus ...
 - ❖ Your sins have been forgiven.
 - ❖ You have overcome the evil one.
 - ❖ Eternal life is your reward.
- ❖ There is a cosmic rivalry ...
 - ❖ Between the world and the kingdom of God.
 - ❖ Between lies and truth.

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1 John 2:28-29

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

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Glenn W. Barker:

**“Righteous conduct is not a condition
for rebirth but a consequence of it.”**

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1 John 3:1

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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"we shall be like him"

❖ Psalm 11:7

❖ John 17:24

❖ Romans 8:29

❖ 2 Corinthians 3:18

❖ 2 Peter 1:3-4

❖ Hebrews 12:14

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1 John 3:3

All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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Matthew 5:8

[Jesus]: “Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.”

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1 John 3:4

Everyone who sins breaks the law;
in fact, sin is lawlessness.

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Judges 21:25

In those days Israel had no king;
everyone did as they saw fit.

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Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 7:22-23

[Jesus]: “Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

1 John 3:5-6

But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

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Karen H. Jobes:

“John is building a case against the person who wishes to be known as a Christian and yet who defends those practices and attitudes that God has defined as sin. To do such a thing is to be lawless and reject God’s authority.”

1 John 3:7-8

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

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1 John 3:9

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

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John Calvin:

“Sin does not reign in them; [the Holy Spirit] does not let it flourish.”

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1 John 3:10

This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are:
Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

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John 8:42

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me."

John 8:44

[Jesus continues]: “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

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Jeremiah 31:33

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.”

1 John 3:11-12

For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

1 John 3:13-15

Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

Matthew 5:21-22

[Jesus]: “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.”

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1 John 3:16

**This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives
for our brothers and sisters.**

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and
cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an
offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

John on the death of Jesus:

- ❖ John 3:16
- ❖ John 10:11-18
- ❖ John 10:27-30
- ❖ John 15:9-18
- ❖ John 17:19
- ❖ 3 John 11

Other apostles on the death of Jesus:

- ❖ Mark 10:45
- ❖ Romans 5:8
- ❖ Galatians 1:4
- ❖ Titus 2:14
- ❖ 1 Peter 3:18

1 John 3:17-18

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

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"love"

- ❖ Eros
- ❖ Philia
- ❖ Agape

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John Stott:

“Hatred characterizes the world, whose prototype is Cain. It originates in the devil, issues in murder and is evidence of spiritual death. Love characterizes the church, whose prototype is Christ. It originates in God, issues in self-sacrifice, and is evidence of eternal life.”

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1 John 3:19-20

This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

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1 John 3:21-22

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

1 John 3:23-24

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

John 15:4-5

[Jesus]: "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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Karen H. Jobes:

“God calls us to do what we can and leave the rest to him. We must do our best to love others, and then we need to trust God, not only for our further provision, but also for our own peace of mind about it before him.”

What have we learned?

- ❖ If we abide in Jesus ...
 - ❖ We will do right.
 - ❖ We will love others.
- ❖ If we abide in Jesus ...
 - ❖ We can be confident about his return.
 - ❖ We can be confident in prayer.



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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

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