

Compassion in the Family

1 John 3

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 7:21

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Matthew 13:47-48

Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous Matthew 13:48-49

Three Identifying Marks of a True Christian

1. Authentic Christianity is based upon the _____ of Jesus Christ.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 1 John 1:1

2. A real Christian _____ God’s Word.

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 1 John 2:3-4

3. A real Christian has a _____ for God’s people.

King Solomon orders a baby cut in half 1 Kings 3:16-28

How great is the 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. 1 John 3:1

may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:18-19**

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **1 John 3:2**

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. **Acts 6:55**

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
1 Corinthians 13:12

However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”— **1 Corinthians 2:9**

what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **1 John 3:2**

Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. **1 John 3:3**

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.
2 Peter 3:10

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. **2 Peter 3:11-12**

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **1 John 3:4-5**

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. **James 4:17**

No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **1 John 3:6**

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **1 John 3:7**

He 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.

1 John 3:8

*No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. **1 John 3:9***

*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 a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. **1 John 3:10***

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

1 John 3:11

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 3:12

Our love is to be expressed through the _____ of jealousy and hatred.

*Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. **1 John 3:13***

*We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. **1 John 3:14***

*Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. **1 John 3:15***

*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. **1 John 3:16***

We sacrifice and we are _____ towards our Christian family.

*If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **1 John 3:17-18***

Three Results of Christian Love

1. A love for God and His people brings inner _____.

This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 1 John 3:19-20

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

2. A love for God and His people brings _____ in prayer. *Three Results of Christian Love*

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. 1 John 3:21-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:19-23

3. A love for God and His people brings the _____. *Three Results of Christian Love*

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 1 John 3:23

Those who obey his commands live 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. 1 John 3:24

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

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