

Series: Fellowship Devine (6/26/24)

Title: The Assurance of Love

Text: (1 Jn 3:10-24)

III. Love of Fellowship. 3: 1 - 4:21

A. Beloved Sons of God. 3: 1 - 24

1. God's Children. vs 1 - 3

2. Incompatibility of sin and Son-ship. vs 4 - 10

3. The Message of Love: (Vs 11)

- a. Since the beginning of the gospel proclamation
(1 Jn 1:1)(1 Jn 2:7)
- b. This love becomes our first duty.
 - 1.) Love that recognizes a need and responds to it.
 - 2.) Not a sentimental type of love.
 - 3.) A strong word that describes God Himself
- c. Love is the essence of obedience to God. (Vs 11)
(John 15:12)(1 Pet 1:22-23)

4. Example of Cain. (Vs 12)

- a. Love was replaced by hate in his heart.
 - 1.) Hatred is natural and universal. (1 Jn 3:10)
 - 2.) His own works were evil.
 - 3.) His brothers works were righteous,
Abel's works revealed Cain's wickedness.
 - 4.) His hatred led to murder.
 - 5.) Cain looked like a God worshipper: (Jn 8:4)
- b. He was an individual filled with envy.
- c. He was an imitator of the devil.

5. Hatred by the world. (Vs 13)

- a. No reason to be alarmed.
- b. It didn't Love Christ
- c. Wicked men will often rebel when faced with God's love

6. Measurement of our love. (Vs 14)

- a. Salvation has come. Death unto life. (Jn 5:24)
- b. A true mark of a Christian: he loves his brethren
- c. Life and love go together.
- d. Hate and death are inseparable.

7. Measurement of hate. (Vs 15)

- a. Hatred is murder. The Attitude is Equal with the Act.
(Matt 5:21-22)
- b. This individual is completely given over to wickedness.

8. Evidence of Love. (Vs 16 - 18)

- a. God Loving Others Through Us. (Vs 16) (John 3:16)
(Jn 15:12-13)(Phil 2:5-8)
 - 1.) No greater love than God's Love
 - 2.) His Son's life for ours.
 - 3.) The death of Christ is a proof of God's love.
- b. Our Love. (Vs 16) (Matt 5:38-48)
 - 1.) Climaxed in our being willing to lay down our lives
 - 2.) This is an unselfish love.
 - 3.) This is a real test of our love.
- c. Compassionate spirit for those with needs. (Vs 17)
- d. In our daily lives. (Vs 18)
 - 1.) Not in word only. (Jude 1:16)
 - 2.) But in works. (James 2:17)
 - 3.) Action is necessary. (James 1:22)

B. The Assurance Walk (Vs 19-24)

1. Assurance in the heart. (Vs 19 - 21)

- a. The truth is Jesus Christ. (Vs 19)
- b. Heart. (Vs 20-21)
 - 1.) Our Feelings/Heart is not a safe guide.
 - 2.) Our heart can lead us astray. (Jer 17:9)(Prov 28:26)
 - a.) If it is not properly trained.
 - b.) It can respond to error and be blind to the truth.
 - c.) Paul thought he was doing right
(Phil 4:7) (Col 3:15)

His Love Manifested in a desire to Serve Him

3.) But God is Greater, He knows all things.

4.) We have complete confidence in God: (Eph 3:20)

2. Assurance in Prayer. (Vs 22) (John 14:13-14, 15:7, 16)

a. Boldness is necessary. (Heb 4:16)

1.) This kind of confidence accomplishes much.

2.) We speak to God with freedom.

b. Assurance leads to Keeping His Commandments.

1.) Continuing obedience.

2.) His Law of Love. (vs 23)

c. Do.

1.) Things pleasing.

2.) Love seeks to please the one loved. (Jn 13:34)

d. Our trust must be in God for answers to prayer.

1.) Trust in His Name.

2.) This Name is powerful.

e. Through the power of Christ we receive answers.

f. Our prayers are not answered as a reward of merit

3. Assurance in Abiding. (Vs 23-24)

a. Belief (Vs 23) (Jn 15:12)

1.) Faith and Love united.

2.) This is Trust and Obey. (Jn 6:29)(Jn 14:1) ”

3.) For the forgiveness of sin.

b. Dwelleth in Him. (Vs 24) (Jn 14:21-23)(Jn 15:7-10)

1.) Union involves a mutual abiding. (Jn 17:21)

(a.) Christ in you. (Col 1:27-28)

(b.) He is our life.

(c) Impossible to separate from Jesus Christ after

salvation. (Rom 8:39)

2.) Spirit beareth witness. (Rom 8:16)

c. Trust God for everything.

This is our Assurance

His Promise of Love

His Love Manifested in us

His Love Manifested through us to Others, more than our love of
SELF.