

## 1 John 4:13-21

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**MAIN IDEA: Because God has loved you and given you His Spirit, you are to love your brother.**

### Three Motivations for Christian Love:

#### 1. Love is a product of the Holy Spirit (v. 13-15)

#### 2. Love provides confidence in the day of judgment (v. 16-18)

#### 3. Love is the only reasonable response to grace (v. 19-21)

## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. John repeatedly uses “tests” to help the reader/hearer have assurance. Each of these are introduced with the words, “by this.” What are the two tests that John offers us in vs. 13-21? How do these “tests” reinforce the main idea of this passage?
2. As many have noticed, John repeats himself over and over again in this epistle and circles back to the same two conclusions: true belief displays itself in an obedient love for God and true belief displays itself in a sacrifice love for the Church. Why do you think John keeps circling back to these two conclusions?
3. What does this teach us about the importance of these two conclusions/commands (see Matt 22:34-40)? In what way do these two commands encapsulate the whole of the Christian life and duty?
4. According to John, if you are a believer, you are indwelt by the Spirit which manifests itself in love for one another and a confidence in the day of judgment. Do you see this present in your life? Is the love of God being made complete or reaching its intended end in your life? Do you see this love for brother in your walk? Do you obey the commands of God joyfully or begrudgingly?
5. If John is intending to give his audience and, by extension, us assurance of salvation, what hope is there that we all have much room to grow in these two areas? (See 1 John 3:1, 18-22)