



Series How Can You Be Sure?

Passage 1 John 3:16-4:4

Title From Condemnation to Confidence

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Discussion Starter – How have the feelings and effects of condemnation impacted your life?

Love is Revealed by Action (1 John 3:16-18)

- For what purpose and hope did Jesus lay down His life for us... the ones He created?
- What are some of the good things God has done for you when you were going through tough times?
- How does this revealing test in 1 John 3:16-18 compare with John's other "tests" (1 John 2:3-6, 2:7-11, 2:19-25 and 3:10)?
- Explain in your own words what it means to love in deed and truth. What are some of the ways God has taught you to love like this?

When Our Hearts Condemn Us (1 John 3:19-22)

- How can we know if our hearts are assured before Christ? Read Luke 6:38. What additional insights do we gain on this topic of having assured hearts before Christ?
- What are some signs or indicators that condemnation is trying to take hold of us as Christians? Read Luke 5:1-8. Explain how this story relates to the topic of condemnation. What did Peter realize? How does this story relate to us?
- What ploy does Satan use to magnify our own feelings of condemnation?
- What are some of the impacts of wallowing in self-condemnation? How do you deal with this issue?
- The world of science knows that feeling bad about ourselves is physically and mentally harmful. What is the difference between how secular society and psychology try to deal with this problem compared to the promises we as Christians have in dealing with self-condemnation?

Don't Believe Everything You Hear (1 John 3:23-4:4)

- What are the solid foundational truths about Jesus that John tells us we must know and hold on to as Christians? How have these truths helped you test out the spirits that are not of God in your encounters with those falsely proclaiming to be Christians?

Jesus Took All The Condemnation for Our Sin (Isaiah 53:4-5, Romans 8:34-35)

- Read Isaiah 53:4-5 and Romans 8:34-35. Describe what these verses explain to us about condemnation. What impact should this have in our lives?
- What happens in our lives when we believe we are right with God? Read John 14:13-14. What do these verses tell us will happen and what is the key to knowing that they will happen?