



Series: The DNA of a Relationship with Jesus

Passage: 1 John 3:4-23

Title: The Divine Standard of Love

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Discussion Starter – Why is it important for us to understand God’s divine standard of love in the world we live in today?

God’s Our Behavior Identifies the Master of Our Soul - (1 John 3:4-10)

- How does understanding the present active tense of the verb “sin” in the Greek language clarify the real meaning of what John is conveying in verse 3? How is this different then the noun used for the word “sin” in 1 John 1:8?
- How would you define sin?
- What is the relationship between sin and love?
- In 1 John 3:5 it says that Jesus was manifested to take away our sin. How does this happen and what is God’s purpose behind it all? How should this impact the way we look at others who are still under Satan’s grip of sin?
- Summarize in your own words the message John is teaching us in verses 6-10.

God’s Definition of Love - (1 John 3:11-23)

- What does John warn us to be aware of as we pattern our walk as Christians abiding in Christ? Why do you think he uses the example of Cain and Abel?
- What is the divine standard of love we see described in 1 John 3:16? How does that compare to John 3:16?
- In the Greek language there are four different words for love. (Eros, Storge, Philia and Agape). How is Agape love different from the rest? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What insights are gained from these verses about true Agape love?
- What is John teaching us about the things that get in the way of love in verses 17-18?
- How might our hearts condemn us as Christians and what does John say we should do if we are in this state? Read Revelation 12:10. What does this passage say about the one key source of condemnation for Christians?
- Explain what gives us access as Christians to ask anything of God, and knowing that it will be granted? How might this verse be taken out of context and why?
- What is the final evidence of a life that abides in Christ?