

**ABIDING IN HIS LOVE**  
(1 John 3:16-24)

**I. THE BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP (1 John 1:1-2:27)... the essence of enjoying fellowship with God is learning to Abide In God's **Light** .**

**II. THE BEHAVIOR OF SONSHIP (1 John 2:28-5:21)... here the essence is learning to Abide in God's **Love**.**

**A. The Contrasts of Behavior Concerning Opposing Families (3:4-12)**

**B. Love is God's Way (3:13-16)**

**C. Abiding In God's Love (3:16-24)**

1. Perceiving God's \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_ (3:16a)... "*By this we know \_\_\_\_\_*"

*"He \_\_\_\_\_ His life for us"*

2. Applying God's love toward \_\_\_\_\_ (3:16b-18) ... by \_\_\_\_\_ one another

*"We ought to lay down our lives for the \_\_\_\_\_"*

- Is God asking that we die for one another as Jesus died for us?
  
- What is the lesson for us?
  
- Three things to consider when meeting another's needs:
  - 1) Do I have the \_\_\_\_\_ to meet that need?
  - 2) I need to realize a need \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) I must be \_\_\_\_\_ to meet that need.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ God's love gives (3:19-20)

- What is the *practical blessing* in showing God's love to others?
- Can one be deceived about this? (3:20)

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ God's love gives (3:21-22)

- How is this confidence shown?

Cf 1 John 5:14-15

5. The fellowship of \_\_\_\_\_ when we heed His Word (3:23-24)

And this is His commandment:

1) that we should \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of His Son Jesus Christ

2) that we should \_\_\_\_\_ .

Now he who keeps His commandments – two things are stated

1) The believer \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, and

2) This results in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in him.

- How is all this ever going to be accomplished in us?
- What does all this mean to you?