

# Assured- Do you love me?

## Sermon Notes

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*Why all of this? God loves us.*

*What does He want from us? To love Him.*

*What does He want us to be known for? Loving God and others.*

If you are new and are not familiar with Jesus. I just summed up the good news called the gospel.

Do you love me? Do you love those you work with, live with, worship with?

**Read 1 John 3:11-15**

**Walking with Christ begins with and is marked by a life of love.**

- ☐ Loving God. **Deuteronomy 6:5**
- ☐ Loving your neighbor. **Leviticus 19:18**
- ☐ Love for God and others is where we can find eternal life.
  - Inheriting eternal life is directly connected to our love for God and others.  
**Luke 10:25-37**
  - Even unlikely others. Good Samaritan loving on a Jew.
- ☐ Love for one another is to be the reputation of the church.  
**John 13:34-35** *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*
  - We become known by our love for each other. (35)

## **Loving God will create discomfort and even hate from those who don't love Him. (12-13)**

- ☐ Our love for God will be evidenced in our choices. (worship)
- ☐ Others will become envious of our being affirmed, having peace, being blessed, and the wiser (right) path being evident. **Read: Genesis 4:1-12**
  - You might be shocked at what may cause hate
  - Minimally leads to distancing or mockery.
  - Extreme forms can lead to harm, even death.
  - It is a threat to others to have their darkness exposed.
- ☐ Jesus told us to expect the hate.

*John 15:18-19* “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

- ☐ EVIDENCE you are slipping towards the wrong spirit regarding hate towards you.
  - When COMPARISON becomes our practice.
  - Use the hate as a license to condemn.

## **The evidence of one who has crossed from death to life is the person who loves God and others. (14)**

- ☐ It is in God's nature to love and through Jesus we have received that nature. (10)
  - Child of God.
- ☐ To not love God is to remain dead to God and to the life He designed.
- ☐ Loving God is to obey His instructions for this life—love Him and love each other.  
**John 14:21**
- ☐ The love of Christ compels us to no longer live for ourselves.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** “For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all,

*that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”*

**To claim you love God yet fail in loving others is no different than having the spirit of Cain. (15)**

- ☐ You are not guilty of murder, but you have the same root of spirit that leads to murder.

**What kind of love are we talking about?**

**A love that is...**

**Read: 1 John 3:16-18**

1. A love that is willing to give of yourself sacrificially. (16) **Sacrificial**
  - The spirit of Cain seeks to take.
  - The spirit of God seeks to give.
2. A love that allows the heart to feel the needs of others. (17) **Compassionate**
  - Feeling compassion and pity.
  - Seeing the true needs can only come while engaging the heart of another.
  - Acts of kindness make a difference when given in love and not obligation.
3. A love that does not stop at words but leads to action. (18a) **Active**
  - What good is to identify the need and simply give a kind word but offer nothing for the need. This is not operating in faith. James 2:16
4. A love that does not compromise truth. (18b) **Uncompromising on truth.**
  - Love does not ignore truth, especially when there is danger ahead.
  - Love is not affirming of poor directions but will speak and do that which will aim someone to God.
5. A love not sourced from the limits of human love but out of the love we receive and experience from God. **Not natural but supernatural.**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-7** “If I speak in the tongues<sup>[a]</sup> of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,<sup>[a]</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

*As stated in the beginning:* **Walking with Christ begins and ends with walking in love.**

**Do you love me?**