

**1 John 4:15- 21**  
**Holy Love**

**1. Confession 15**

- A. Full circle: who do you say that Jesus is?
- B. Living- hate is terminal  
We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. -1 John 3:14-16 NASB

**2. Belief 16-18**

- A. Believe in The Love God has for Us 16a  
See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. -1 John 3:1 NASB
- B. God is Love 16b  
“God is love and God is sovereign. His love disposes Him to desire our everlasting welfare, and His sovereignty enables Him to secure it.” AW Tozer  
“You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?” -Psalm 56:8 ESV  
“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”  
Revelation 21:4 ESV  
A promise with deeper roots  
“He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.”  
Isaiah 25:8 ESV

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13 NASB

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it **keeps no record of wrongs**. -1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

- C. Confidence and no fear 17- 18

**3. Love in the real world 19- 21**

Belief has to connect with real life.

- A. “I love God, but I hate the church”  
“But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” -Matthew 22:34-40 ESV
- B. The use of brother
- C. Commandment again 21

*Reflection: Have you known the Love of God in your life? How do you need to experience more of Jesus’ love today?*

***Follow UP in the Word through the Week...***

**Monday:** 1 John 3:14-16. How does John describe those who hate versus those who love? How can you see this being lived out today?

**Tuesday:** 1 John 3:1. What are the adjectives or describing words the John uses for the Love of God here? What is the result of His love? What are we called?

**Wednesday:** Psalm 56:8. The ancient practice of burying people with a bottle of tears from those who mourned their loss is referenced in this Psalm. What is the impact of God interacting with the believer as He does in this verse?

**Thursday:** "It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." 1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV  
How does love characterized by Paul in this verse contrast with love and our attitudes towards one another today?

**Friday:** Revelation 21:4. After so much destruction and judgement in the book of Revelation, what is described here? How does this promise help you today?

**Saturday:** Matthew 22:34-40. How important are these commandments? How can you see these being a "summary" or a "foundation" to the parts of Scripture? How do you apply this to life?