

## **THE BLESSINGS OF LOVING ONE ANOTHER (1 John 4:13-21)**

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**TEXT: 1 John 4:13-21**

**MAIN IDEA**—By loving one another, Christians have a unique opportunity to show God’s character to the world and grow in confidence towards the day of judgment.

**MEMORY VERSE**—1 Jn. 4:12

**Jn. 13:35; 2 Cor. 5:18-20**

**GOD’S PRESENCE REVEALED (1 Jn. 4:13-16)**—When we as professing Christians practice loving one another, this pursuit of love reveals God’s presence at work in us.

**Gal. 5:5-6**

>The Holy Spirit assures us that we are in Christ and that His Spirit is in us **(V13)**.

**Rom. 8:16-17**

>The Holy Spirit gives us sight and boldness to believe and testify about Christ **(V14)**.

**Jn. 15:26-27**

>The Holy Spirit gives us faith to confess that Jesus Christ is the Messiah come in the flesh **(V15)**.

**1 Cor. 12:3**

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>The Holy Spirit gives us assurance and faith in God's love for us, which leads to our love for others (**V16**).

**Jn. 10:27-29**

**GOD'S LOVE PERFECTED (1 Jn. 4:17-21)**—Here John explains what the perfecting of love looks like practically.

\*Consistently loving leads to confidence before God on the Day of Judgment.

**1 Cor. 13:4-7; Rom. 13:10**

**V18**—The love that builds confidence before God also removes fear. God's perfect love for Christians casts out the fear of wrath and eternal punishment.

**Rev. 20:1-4; 2 Cor. 3:10-12**

**V19**—God is the source of our love. God is Love. God showed his love for us through Christ. God pours His love into us by His Spirit.

**V12**—*No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.*

**WALK IN LOVE!**