

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

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>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

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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!