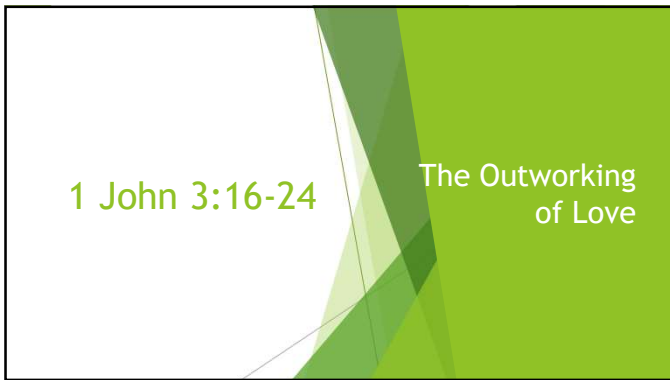


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1 John 3:16-18 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

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- ▶ What does it mean that He laid down His life?
- ▶ How do we lay down our lives as Jesus did?
- ▶ What is love in this passage?
- ▶ What does it mean to love in deed and truth?
- ▶ Is all giving beneficial to the recipient?

1 John 3:16-18

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1 John 3:19-21 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

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- ▶ What is meant by the phrase *and by this*?
- ▶ What is the scope of the word *know* in verse 19?
- ▶ What is the meaning of assure?
- ▶ How do we know if we are or are not in the truth?
- ▶ What is our confidence toward God?

1 John 3:19-21

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1 John 3:22-24 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

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- ▶ Is salvation revokable?
- ▶ Why do some Christians lack assurance of salvation?
- ▶ What must we understand about what happened when Jesus saved us?
- ▶ What is Jesus' commandment?
- ▶ What exactly does believing on the name of Jesus entail?

1 John 3:22-24

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► Four things are covered in this chapter:

1. Assurance, salvation
2. Answered Prayer, boldness in prayer, confidence in where you stand.
3. Abiding, obedience
4. What is love.

1 John 3:1-24

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Wrap Up

Further comments?
Closing prayer.

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