

Abide in Him

1 John 2:28-29 And now, **little children**, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. **29** If **ye** know that he is **righteous**, **ye** know that every one that doeth **righteousness** is born of him.

The Love of God Makes Believers His Children

1 John 3:1-24 **Behold**, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon **us**, that **we** should be called the **sons of God**: therefore the world **knoweth** us not, because it **knew** **him** not. **2** Beloved, now are we the **sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what **we** shall be: but we **know** that, when **he** shall appear, **we** shall be like **him**; for **we** shall see **him** as **he** is.

Live as God's Children

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as **he** is pure. **4** Whosoever committeth **sin** transgresseth also the law: for **sin** is the transgression of the law. **5** And **ye** **know** that **he** was manifested to take away our **sins**; and in **him** is no **sin**. **6** Whosoever abideth in **him** **sinneth** not: whosoever **sinneth** hath not seen **him**, neither **known** **him**. **7** **Little children**, let no man deceive you: he that doeth **righteousness** is **righteous**, even as **he** is **righteous**. **8** He that committeth **sin** is of the devil; for the devil **sinneth** from the beginning. For this purpose the **Son of God** was manifested, that **he** might destroy the works of the devil. **9** **Whosoever** is born of God doth not commit **sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot **sin**, because he is born of God. **10** In this the **children of God** are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not **righteousness** is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Love for the Brethren is a Characteristic of Genuine Christians

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. **12** Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's **righteous**. **13** Marvel not, **my brethren**, if the world hate you. **14** We **know** that we have passed from death unto life, because **we love the brethren**. He that loveth not *his* **brother** abideth in death. **15** Whosoever hateth his **brother** is a murderer: and ye **know** that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

That Love is Described and Seen by its Actions

16 Hereby **perceive we** the love of *God*, because **he** laid down **his** life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the **brethren**. **17** But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his **brother** have need, and shutteth up his bowels of *compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? **18** My **little**

children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **19** And hereby we **know** that **we** are of the truth, and shall assure **our** hearts before **him**. **20** For if **our** heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and **knoweth** all things. **21 Beloved**, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

Grow in Faith, Love and Obedience

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. **23** 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. **24** And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in **him**, and **he** in him. And hereby we **know** that **he** abideth in us, by the Spirit which **he** hath given us.

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