

**Series:** Blessed Assurance, a study in 1 John

**Sermon:** Assured by a Purpose

**Primary Text:** 1 John 2:7-17

**Discussion Guide:**

- Read 1 John 2:5-7 and John 13:34.
  - What are these verses telling you?
  - What does it look like to love like Jesus did?
- Read Mark 10:17-22.
  - How were Jesus' words, that ended up hurting the young man and driving him away, Him loving him?
    - What does this tell us about how to love like Jesus does?
- What is agape love?
- In the sermon we defined it as "unconditional, self-giving that seeks the highest good of someone else"
  - What does it mean to love unconditionally?
  - What does it mean to love in self-giving?
  - What is a persons highest good?
- Read 1 John 2:8.
  - How does agape love cause true light to shine in our lives?
- Read 1 John 2:9-11.
  - How does hate blind us?
  - What is hate?
- Read 1 John 2:12-14.
  - Remember, "little children, young men, fathers" is about spiritual maturity not actual age groups – these words are for all Christians – whether new, young or mature.
  - What 3 truths can be found here that are true for all Christians?
  - How can simply remembering these truths help us to love others and battle temptation?
- Read 1 John 2:15-16 and John 3:16.
  - Do these verses contradict each other? Why or why not?
  - What are the "the desires of the flesh" sins?
  - What are the "desires of the eyes" sins?
  - What are the "pride of life" sins?
  - How do/can we "agape" the things of the world?
- How does knowing our purpose help us to be assured of our eternal life?