



# "FEELING" GOD IN 2021

## PART 2

1 John 3:19-24

This is my second attempt to present this “2021 Kickoff” message to you. I intended to teach the whole sermon back on the first Sunday of the New Year (January 3, 2021); but part way through the presentation, I realized that I had way too much material to share in one setting. Then, another thing happened that I wasn’t at all planning on. I got sick and was out for a month! So, I am truly thanking God that I’m feeling better and that today we can have a “second go round” at this wonderful passage of **1 John 3:19-24**. In these verses the Apostle John talks to us about specific “feelings” that God wants every one of His children to constantly experience. Why is that? Because the more we encounter these feelings on a daily basis, the more we will be blessed with Godly *confidence* in our ability to live for Jesus and the more we will be blessed with Godly *comfort* from Jesus. If ever there was a time when Christians need to feel God’s confidence and God’s comfort on the road of life, that time is 2021!

### IN 2021 ...

1. (1 John 3:19a) God wants you to *feel* absolutely ...
2. (1 John 3:19b) God wants you to *feel* absolutely ...
3. (1 John 3:20a) God wants you to *feel* absolutely ...

4. (1 John 3:20b) God wants you to *feel* absolutely ...

5. (1 John 3:21-22a) God wants you to *feel* absolutely ...

6. (1 John 3:22b-23) God wants you to *feel* absolutely ...

7. (1 John 3:24a) He wants you to *feel* absolutely ...

8. (1 John 3:24b) He wants you to *feel* absolutely ...

### FOR THOUGHT AND TALK

*In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of Pastor John’s message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don’t have to cover them all.*

1. Read aloud **1 John 3:19-24** in two different translations. Most often, Christians talk about knowing the truths of God. Why does it matter that we also feel the truths of God? How does bringing both your head and your heart to Jesus help relationally deepen your walk with Him? Does Jesus want us to bring emotion to our relationship with Him?
2. Read aloud **Hebrews 10:19**. How huge a gift is it that God wants us to feel perfectly comfortable in His presence? How does it make you feel when you realize that Jesus has laid out the “red carpet” for your entrance into the very throne room of God Almighty? By the way, how did that carpet get its red color?
3. When it comes to our prayer lives, it is one thing to know that God always answers our prayers and quite another thing to feel it. What added dimension will honest feelings and emotion bring to our prayers? What are to be the two top priorities in our prayers? Why is it crucial that we are always praying for these two things in particular?
4. Read aloud **1 John 3:24**. Discuss what it means to “abide in Christ” from both a knowledge angle and from the perspective of your feelings. What role does the Holy Spirit play in supporting our relational connection with Jesus?