



1 John: Awakened to Love Derrick Shields “Blessed Assurance” 10/16/2022

Key Verses: I John 2: 7-17

Key Thought: Jesus showed a kind of love that people had not seen before. We must be willing to submit to God, so that His love can transform us from the inside out.

Points to Consider:

- Verses 7-11 – **Do you love God and His people?**
 - i. Mark 12:30-31 – ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”
- Verses 12-14 - **Are you growing in your faith?**
 - i. John addresses three groups of people:
 1. Children – those young in the faith, whose salvation is fresh on their hearts.
 2. Fathers – those who have been believers for a long time, whose life is a living testimony of the truth.
 3. Young men – leaders of the church, who are strong and need encouraged to remember to use the Word inside of them.
- Verses 15-17 – **How much do you love the things of this world?**
 - i. We are to love the people of the world, but not the material things of this world. What good is it if we gain all these things, and lose our soul?

Discussion Prompts:

- What does it mean to BE love, and not just DO love?
- Ask God, where are you with these three questions listed above?
- How are we loving people *outside* the walls of the church?
- Do you feel the assurance of your salvation?