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ABIDING & ABOUNDING
IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

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commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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Three **fruits** that show the **root** of Christ:

- The Moral Test (**Obedience**)
- The Relational test (**Love**)
- The Doctrinal Test (**Truth**)

**God's desire for us is not merely
a one-time profession of faith,
but a confident lifetime
possession of faith in Jesus.**

Outline – 1 John 3:19-24

1. Internal confidence
2. Relational confidence
3. Eternal confidence

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**‘Whatever your heart clings to and
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- Martin Luther**

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Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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2. Relational Confidence

Jeremiah 31:33 “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

2. Relational Confidence

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3. Eternal Confidence

Luke 11:11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; **12** or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

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Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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