

Confidence Because You Love Others-Part 5
Series: Blessed Assurance
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Text: 1 John 4:7-21

- The letter of I John is all about assurance.
- The letter of 1 John is a series of tests to see if you really know God.
- *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may KNOW ...I John 5:13*

The defining characteristic of God is love; and the defining quality of God's love is the grace that he showed to us.

"I pray that you... may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
(Ephesians 3:18-20).

It is inconceivable that you could encounter the power of that love and grace and not be filled with love yourself.

Test 1: We know that we know God because we love one another.

Test 2: We know that we know God because God's love has driven out our fear.

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives (casts) out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. I John 4:17-18