

## Net Mending Week 10

1 John 4:17-5:5

*In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

*<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*

John's letter gives us three criteria of authentic Christianity: truth, righteousness, and love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

- A growing believer has a \_\_\_\_\_ fear of God but not a \_\_\_\_\_ fear of God.

Romans 8:15

*For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

John 5:24

*"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.*

Romans 8:1

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

- Love that is perfected is love that is made visible in \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 3:18

*Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

- It is God's \_\_\_\_\_ in me that is his basis of \_\_\_\_\_ of me.
- An immature Christian is \_\_\_\_\_ between fear and love; a mature Christian \_\_\_\_\_ in God's love.
- A growing \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of God is one of the first signs of spiritual maturity.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- Fear usually gives birth to \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 3:10

*He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."*

- A Christian who lacks confidence with God will lack confidence with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- If we have the life of God, we can show the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Honesty brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the one who practices it.
- Love sometimes must be \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_, as well as “\_\_\_\_\_” obedience, brings dishonor to the Father.

2 Corinthians 9:7

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

- If there is a command that is too \_\_\_\_\_, you are carrying too much of it.

Matthew 11:30

*For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

- The secret of joyful obedience is to realize that obedience is a “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- A maturing Christian will begin to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 119:14-16, 24

*I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. <sup>15</sup> I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. <sup>16</sup> I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.*

<sup>24</sup> *Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.*

4. \_\_\_\_\_

- To be \_\_\_\_\_ of God means to share in his victory.

John 16:33

*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

- Victory is a matter of understanding your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 1:20-22

*which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,*

- Spiritual victories are won by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spiritual victory is our \_\_\_\_\_ on his activity.

Faith is not so much believing in spite of evidence, but obeying in spite of consequences.