

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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If 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. ²¹And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who 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. ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

²⁴ 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And 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.