

## I John - Lesson 8 - Knowing We Abide in Him

Doubt	Testing the Spirits (I Jn 4:1-6)
<p>Gen 3:1-6</p> <p>What?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God's desire for our best</li> <li>- God's provision</li> <li>- God's love</li> <li>- God's plan for us</li> <li>- God's healing</li> <li>- Our worthiness</li> <li>- Our salvation</li> </ul> <p>Where does it come from - mind/heart - very being of who we are</p> <p>What's the cure for doubt?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- knowledge that comes from the Word of God - Jn 17:17; Jer 29:11</li> <li>- Confidence (2:28)</li> <li>- Keeping His commandments - doing the things that are pleasing in His sight (3:21-22)</li> <li>- Mind is fixed on God (not focused on the world or on me)</li> </ul> <p>How do we deal with doubt?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need to look at God's truths</li> <li>- Carefully examine the facts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3:1-10 - about sin</li> <li>- 3:11-17 - about love</li> <li>- 3:18-19 - about our deeds</li> <li>- 3:24 - about the Spirit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Don't believe every spirit (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- test the spirits to see if they are from God</li> <li>- Many false prophets have gone out into the world</li> </ul> <p>Know the Spirit of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (2) - Jn 1:1-14 - Jesus is God</li> <li>- Jesus is the Son of God (4:15)</li> <li>- Otherwise - spirit of the antichrist (3)</li> </ul> <p>We have overcome those spirits (4-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- greater is He that is in me</li> <li>- Those spirits are from the world</li> <li>- They speak and the world listens</li> <li>- We have overcome - Rev 2-3</li> </ul> <p>We are from God (6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- those who know God listen to us</li> <li>- Not from God - they won't listen to us</li> <li>- We KNOW the spirit of truth and the spirit of error</li> </ul>

Types of Love	Love (I Jn 4:7-21)
<p>Storge = natural affection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- used with “a” = astorge - II Tim 3:3</li> <li>- Limited love - depends on the feeling you get from the relationship</li> </ul> <p>Eros = passion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not used in the NT</li> <li>- Based on self-satisfaction</li> <li>- Looks for what it can get out of the relationship</li> </ul> <p>Phileo = companionable love - friendship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- can be taught (Titus 2:4)</li> <li>- Comes because of the qualities in another</li> </ul> <p>Jn 21:15-17</p> <p>Agape = unconditional love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- act of the will - not a feeling</li> <li>- Originates from God’s nature - flows through us</li> <li>- Has to come from God</li> <li>- God is agape - no God no agape</li> </ul> <p>Gen 22:2 - first mention of love - Isaac was called to take his only son and sacrifice him</p> <p>John 3:16 - I John 3:16 - God’s only son laid down His life for us</p> <p>Jn 15:13 - one lay down his life for His friends (Ro 12:1-2) - we are called to be living sacrifices</p> <p>Our expression of love to God</p> <p>Mk 12:28-31 - love the Lord, love the brethren</p> <p>Lk 10:25-37 - good samaritan - the one who shows mercy</p>	<p>Love of God (2:5, 15; 3:16-18, 23; 5:1-3)</p> <p>Love of others (2:10; 3:10, 11, 14; 5:1-2)</p> <p>What is our responsibility?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to obey God (2:5-6)</li> <li>- To love one another (3:14; 4:7-8)</li> <li>- Love is from God (4:7-8)</li> <li>- God is love (agape)</li> </ul> <p>Why I must love?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- commanded to agape love others (3:11, 23)</li> <li>- Because I am born of God (4:7)</li> <li>- I know God and God is love</li> <li>- He loved us and sent Christ as a propitiation of our sins (4:10)</li> <li>- God loved me (4:11)</li> </ul> <p>Why can I love?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- because He bestowed His love on us (3:1)</li> <li>- I am a child of God (3:2)</li> <li>- I Live through the Son - abiding (4:9, 12-13)</li> <li>- His love is completed in us (4:12, 17-18)</li> <li>- God’s love abides in me (4:16)</li> <li>- Because God loved me first (4:19)</li> </ul> <p>When was I loved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Col 1:21-23 - when I was hostile to God</li> <li>- Ro 5:1-12 - I was a sinner, ungodly, enemy, helpless</li> </ul> <p>How can I love?</p> <p>I Jn 4:13; Eph 1:13-14; Ro 8:9, 16; Ro 5:5 - God’s love pours out of us through the Holy Spirit that He has given us</p>