



Blessed Assurance - How We Know We Do Not Love The World - 1 John 2:1-17

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 John 2:3-6. How does John say we will know we love God in these verses? If our salvation comes from our faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10) then why is there such an emphasis on following commands? How does following God's commands show our love for Him?
2. Read 1 John 2:7-8 and John 13:34-35. How is John giving both an old and a new command? Read 1 John 2:9-11. How can someone be blinded by darkness? What things can we choose to do, or choose to avoid, to keep others from stumbling?
3. Read Romans 13:8-10. How is love of Jesus the fulfillment of the law? How should this love be seen through us? What does John say about debt in verse 8? Does the work of Jesus leave us indebted to God?
4. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What is "the world"? What does God hate? How does a believer's love of the world drive a wedge between both them and God and them and the world?

Reflection Questions:

1. What is the direction of your affection? What should it be? What is the direction of God's affection? How should the direction of His affection affect the direction of our affection?
2. Read 1 John 2:1-2. What is the importance of goals and accountability in terms of living a healthy life? What are the benefits? Do health nuts still get sick sometimes? What do they do when they are sick? How was this compared to a faithful, involved Christian? What should we strive to do less? What should we do when we fall?