



## BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF BONDING – I JOHN

### I. INTRODUCTION: ENJOYING INTIMACY WITH JESUS

- A. John the “\_\_\_\_\_ disciple” (Jn. 21)...the disciple whom Jesus loved
- B. He knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of God better than any other disciple
- C. He grasped fully the principles of intimate fellowship, internal and eternal
  - 1. Intimate supernatural joy (Jn. 15:11)
  - 2. Intimate supernatural peace (Jn. 16:33)
  - 3. Intimate supernatural love (Jn. 17:26)
  - 4. Intimate supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 17:23)

### II. INSTRUCTION: I JOHN OVERVIEW...DO I REALLY KNOW JESUS PERSONALLY?

- A. Fellowship that inspires fullness of joy (1:3-4)
- B. Message that enlightens, eliminating darkness of despair (1:5)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship that cleanses, creating pure hearts and homes (1:7)
- D. Freedom to confess and be restored in the riches of grace (1:9)
  - 1. Experiencing the intimacy of forgiveness thru faith
  - 2. And unconditional love, seen in the \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Understanding the advocacy of Christ our Intercessor (2:1; cf. Heb. 7:25)
  - 1. The power of atonement thru mercy (I Pet. 4:8)
  - 2. The power of the blood of covenant (“cut a deal”); I Tim. 2:4-6
- F. To know Him is to love Him (2:5)
  - 1. Demonstrated thru \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 14:21)
  - 2. Daily growing in love that constrains (2 Cor. 5:14)
  - 3. Assurance of salvation grows thru habitual passion to please God (Ro. 5:5)



- G. To love Him is to walk worthy of Him (2:6), as His ambassador of light in a dark world
1. Demonstrated thru appetite (Ps. 86:11) and growing healthy fear of God
  2. As we \_\_\_\_\_ in grace that changes lifestyle (Ro. 6:4)
  3. Falling more in love with God's \_\_\_\_\_ and people (2:10)
  4. Separating from the idolatrous lures of this world (2:15-17)
    - a. Counterfeits eventually leave the fellowship of the beloved (2:19)
    - b. Because truth and time reveal their love for this world (Demas), demonstrated thru a lack of habitual righteousness (2:20, 29)
- H. God makes crystal clear who His beloved are (3:1-9)
1. All can see if they are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1)...BEHOLD!
  2. His love radiates from us (3:2)
    - a. As pure vessels fit for His holy use (3:3)
    - b. Daily diligent disciplines richly rewarded by God personally (Heb. 11:6)
  3. Satan's children are just as obvious (3:8)
    - a. Thru their patterns of habitual sin
    - b. They love to \_\_\_\_\_ unashamedly
    - c. Often killing their conscience in the process
  4. God's children have a driving energized passion for purity (3:9)
    - a. His Seed the Holy Spirit has His child on a mission driven by a pure heart (Eph. 5:18)
    - b. God's child cannot sin habitually (I Peter 1:22-23), as he is guarded by \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Vision for OTHERS demonstrated thru deeds of truth in action (3:18)
    - d. Empowered by effectual \_\_\_\_\_ (3:22; Jas. 5:16)
    - e. Protected by convictions of sin, righteousness, and judgment (3:24)
- I. Love for God moves saints to protect God's church and people (I Jn. 4)
1. Beloved saints are Bereans (v1) who rightly divide the Word (I Tim. 2:15)
    - a. Acts 17:11



- b. Comparing scriptures (I Cor. 2:10, 13)
    - c. Cf. Isa. 28:10
  2. God's protective \_\_\_\_\_ assures His children victory in the battle for the truth (v4)
    - a. This battle is clearly defined
    - b. Spirit of truth vs. the spirit of error (v6)
      - i. Kingdom of light vs. darkness (Jn.8)
      - ii. God's seed vs. Satan's seed (Gen. 3)
  3. The battle is simply regarding what we love the most (v7-8)
    - a. Love is \_\_\_\_\_...
    - b. Of God's name, glory, and Word and Son
    - c. And this love must be perfected as we \_\_\_\_\_ (v12)
    - d. And this love is clearly defined by the cross (v14); cf. Ro. 5:8
    - e. And this love is to be embodied, as saints who are "Jesus with skin on" (v17)
  4. This love casts out all fear of \_\_\_\_\_ opinions (4:18)
  5. This love provides divine enablement to love (4:19-21) one another
- J. God's eternal love guarantees biblical birthrights (Ch. 5)
  1. A supernatural 2<sup>nd</sup> birth (v1; Jn. 3)
  2. Love for one \_\_\_\_\_ (v2)
  3. Love for His Word (v3)
  4. Victory over this \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan's (v4)
  5. God's witness within us thru the Spirit that we are His (v10)
  6. Guaranteed eternal life (v13)
  7. Confidence in prayer (v14-15)
  8. Habitual patterns of Biblical obedience that free us from Satan's grip (v18)
  9. The gift to understand the true God and His Word of truth (v20)



10. Divine protection from this idolatrous world (v21)
  - a. With the divine Amen as our Protector
  - b. Cf. I Thes. 1:9
  - c. Cf. Rev. 3:14