

1 JOHN

**“Behold what manner of love
The Father hath bestowed upon us,**

1 John 3:1

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Class 4

Perfect Love

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“In deed and in truth”

The man who WALKS in the light who has fellowship with God (1:7)

The one who KEEPS the commandments of God who abides in Him (3:24)

The one who DOETH righteousness who is truly a child of God (2:29; 3:10)

Difference between a *true* life in Christ and a *shadow* life in Christ

James		1 John	
1:22	But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.	3:18	let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Humility – Phil 2:1-11 Esteem others better than ourselves....look on the things of others

Forbearance – 1 Pet 2:20 do well and suffer for it....this is acceptable with God

Patient Endurance – Heb 12:1-3 Looking to Jesus to leader and finisher of faith...who endured the cross

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Spirit (G) *pneuma*

- Mental disposition (always consider the context when spirit is used)
- “Spirit of truth” Jn 14:17; 15:26; 16:13
- Comforter.... “which is the Holy Spirit”
 - Jn 14:26 “shall teach you all things
 - Jn 16:13 “will guide you into all truth
 - It will bear witness:
 - To John’s readers
 - To those who will hear
 - Concerning all those “things” and all those “truths” involved in the name of Jesus Christ
- 1 Jn 5:6 it is the Spirit that bears witness [of Jesus Christ] because the Spirit is Truth

Antichrist (G) opponent of the anointed.

- Used 4 times: 1 Jn 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 Jn 1:7

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Attributes of Love 1 Cor 13:2-8

Progression – from the source (God)

- Love one another – v7
- Love is of God – v7
- God is Love – v8
- Love is manifested in God sending his Son – v9-10
- We are obligated to love one another following the example of God & Christ – v11
- If we dwell in love, we dwell in God and God dwells in us – v12

1 Jn. 2:4-5 This expression, "the love of God," involves more than either our love for God or God's love for us—it implies the love that appertains to God—that divine, spiritual, mutual relationship between God and the child of God. For love to be perfected, it must be a mutual, reciprocating love.

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We need to recognize

- God is love
- Our life in the truth comes from his act of love
- Unless we love one another, we cannot pretend to know God

No man has seen God at any time – v12

- “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father” - Jn 14:9
- “that they (apostles) may be one as we are” – Jn 17:11, 18
- “that you love one another as I have loved you....by this shall all know that ye are my disciples...” – Jn 13:34-35

Love Perfected – v12

- If God loved us, we are obligated to love one another – v11
- If we love one another, God dwells in us – v12
- His love is perfected in us – v12
- There is no fear in love – v18