

Test 1: Experiencing God's Incredible Love

1 John 03:01–03

**1 *The privilege of God's love:
We are called children of God***

- a. Given by God
- b. The world does not know
nor understand believers

**2 *The great hope
and mystery of God's love:
Eternal transformation***

- a. What we shall be is unknown
- b. We shall be like Christ

**3 *The incentive of God's love:
Purity***

1 How great is the love
the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are!
The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him.

2 Dear friends,
now we are children of God,
and what we will be
has not yet been made known.
But we know that when he appears,
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

3 Everyone who has this hope in him
purifies himself,
just as he is pure.

Test 2: Turning Away From Sin and Its Enslavement

1 John 03:04–09

<p>1 <i>The need for deliverance:</i> <i>Man is sinful</i></p> <p>a. He practices sin</p> <p>b. He breaks the law</p>	<p>4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.</p>
<p>2 <i>The provision for deliverance:</i> <i>Christ took away our sins</i></p>	<p>5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.</p>
<p>3 <i>The proof of deliverance</i></p> <p>a. If we abide, live in Christ, we do not sin</p> <p>b. If we sin, we do not know Christ</p> <p>c. We can be deceived about the matter of sin and righteousness</p>	<p>6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.</p>
<p>4 <i>The great conquest of Christ in deliverance</i></p> <p>a. The person who sins is of the devil</p> <p>b. The Son of God came to earth to destroy the devil's work</p>	<p>7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.</p>
<p>5 <i>The result of deliverance:</i> <i>Being freed from living in sin</i></p>	<p>8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.</p> <p>9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.</p>