

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 4: Having a Clean Heart

1 John 03: 18–24

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| <p>1 <i>A clean heart is produced by loving with actions and with words only</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Love assures truthb. Love satisfies conscience <p>2 <i>A clean heart is produced by God's knowledge</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Knows our need for cleansing and release of conscienceb. Assures us <p>3 <i>A clean heart is produced by obeying the commandments</i></p> <p>4 <i>A clean heart is produced by obeying the supreme commandment of God</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. By believing in God's Son Jesus Christb. By loving one another <p>5 <i>A clean heart is produced by the Spirit dwelling within</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A mutual indwellingb. The Spirit assures that God lives within us | <p>18 Dear children,
let us not love with words or tongue
but with actions and in truth.</p> <p>19 This then is how we know
that we belong to the truth,
and how we set our hearts
at rest in his presence</p> <p>20 Whenever our hearts condemn us.
For God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything.</p> <p>21 Dear friends,
if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence before God</p> <p>22 And receive from him anything we ask,
because we obey his commands
and do what pleases him.</p> <p>23 And this is his command:
to believe in the name of his Son,
Jesus Christ,
and to love one another
as he commanded us.</p> <p>24 Those who obey his commands
live in him,
and he in them.
And this is how we know
that he lives in us:
We know it by the Spirit he gave us.</p> |
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