

**Living Above Life's Corruption**  
**Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel**  
**1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 3:17-24**  
*Sunday – August 17th, 2025*

**CONTEXT:** John continues providing us a self-test directed at giving us assurance of our salvation (1 John 5:13). He is carefully taking us through the marks or characteristics of Christianity that will be seen in every person who has experienced the new birth in Christ. We continue in the section where God's children are marked by love. Having God's love will be obvious. It will be shown in practice in life's challenges and daily interactions. This is so because it is a reflection of the change that has taken place in the heart of a Christian. Love is not only commanded by our Lord but will be resident within the Christian directing his thinking and actions. It is our union by love with our Lord that demonstrates itself repeatedly in all circumstances. This union by abiding in Him serves as a source of God's empowerment to accomplish His will in our lives. Belief, obedience, and love come together in the person who has a transformed life.

**Outline of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)**

- I. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5-2:29)
- B. The Characteristics of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-3:24)
  - a. Practicing Moral Excellence (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-10)
  - b. Practicing Love (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:10b-24)
    - a. Our distinction (Vs. 10b-16)
    - b. Obvious difference (Vs. 17-24)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key Words &amp; times used</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Heart (5)</li><li>● love (3)</li><li>● command, commandments (4)</li><li>● truth (2)</li><li>● confidence</li></ul>
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Introduction:

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b. Obvious difference (3:17-24)

- Challenged by our heart (3:17-18)  

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- Confidence by our heart (3:19-22)  

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- Consummated by our Union (3:23-24)  

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Closing:

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