

Salvation on Display!
Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel
1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 4:15-21
Sunday – October 12th, 2025

CONTEXT: John now provides us a defining portrait of the person who has been changed because of the work of God in their heart. He is displaying real Christianity, and in doing so he is providing assurance to those whose lives are changed (1 John 5:13). Those whom God has set His affection are being restored in fellowship with Him. A fellowship lost in the garden sin but regained in Christ. In this new paragraph, which is built upon all John has written to this point, John begins to bring the marks of salvation together as combining essentials. God's salvation affects and is real in the whole person whom he describes as being perfected. This paragraph begins gathering all of the particulars into a kind of tapestry in the maturing person born from above. It is a reality in the making, and therefore identifiable by consistent characteristics of confession, belief, love, and abiding. Chief among these special marks is love, and all are in harmony moving toward Christ likeness.

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

- I. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5- 5:12)
- B. The Characteristics of Fellowship (1st John 3:1-3:24)
- C. The Cautions for Fellowship (1st John 4:1-21)
 - 1. Caution against deception (4:1-6)
 - 2. Concern for brethren (4:7-14)
 - 3. **Combining essentials** (1:15-21)

<i>Key Words & times used</i>
● love (12)
● abides (4)
● fear (3)
● perfected (2)
● believed
● confesses

Introduction:

3. Combining essentials (4:15-21)

- Confesses (4:15)
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- Completed love (4:16-17)
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- Confident love (4:18)
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- Cause & base of our love (4:19)
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- Confirmation by our love (4:20-21)
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Closing:
