

# Introduction

## The Test of Love

**1 John 2:7–11 - proof of fellowship with God**

**1 John 3:10–14 - proof of being a child of God**

**1 John 4:7-16 - since God's nature is love, our love for one another is the test of the reality of our spiritual life.**

*In the earlier passage, love for the brethren is a matter of light or darkness; in the second it is a matter of life or death.*

*- Wiersbe*

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## *Key Verse*

*1 John 5:13*

*These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may [continue to] believe in the name of the Son of God.*

**1 John 3:24-4:11**  
**“Those Who Are Loved,  
Let Us Love”**

**V 3:24**

**By This We Know**

V 4:1

Test the spirits

**Vv 2-3**

**Discerning the spirits**

V 4

**But You Are of God**

## V4 – But You Are of God

*1 John 4:18*

*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*



Vv 5-6  
Of the World  
or  
Of God

## Vv 5-6 – Of the World or Of God

*John 15:19*

*"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

**Vv 7-8**

**The Call to Love**

*How Do We Take This Home?*

Vv 9-11

Love Defined

Love Applied

## Vv 9-11 – Love Defined, Love Applied

*John 13:14*

*If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have  
washed your feet, you also ought to wash  
one another's feet*

## MEDITATION VERSE

*1 John 4:7*

*Beloved, let us love one another, for  
love is of God; and everyone who  
loves is born of God and knows God*

*Exodus 33:15*

*"If Your Presence does not go with us, do not  
bring us up from here."*

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# BENEDICTION

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

*may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we [do] to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.*