

Text

1 John 3:9-24

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Compare this verse with what Jesus said in **Matthew 7:18**.

We need to abhor sin (**Romans 12:9**).

1 John 3:10

¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are clearly identified: anyone who does not practice righteousness [who does not seek God's will in thought, action, and purpose] is not of God, nor is the one who does not [unselfishly] love his [believing] brother. (AMP)

Jesus said that humanity would know that we are his disciples by our love for each other in **John 13:35**.

Reference **John 13:34-35; 15:12**.

1 John 3:13

Jesus addressed this in **John 15:18-19**.

1 John 3:16

⁶ By this we know [and have come to understand the depth and essence of His precious] love: that He [willingly] laid down His life for us [because He loved us]. And we ought to lay down our lives for the believers. (AMP)

1 John 3:18

¹⁸ Little children (believers, dear ones), let us not love [merely in theory] with word or with tongue [giving lip service to compassion], but in action and in truth [in practice and in sincerity, because practical acts of love are more than words]. (AMP)

1 John 3:19

¹⁹ This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. (Common English Bible, "CEB")

¹⁹ When we love others, we know that we belong to the truth, and we feel at ease in the presence of God. (CEV)

1 John 3:20

²⁰ Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. (New Living Translation)

1 John 3:21

confidence: *parrēsia* (pär-rā-sē'-ä) "...free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance..."ⁱ

²¹ Dear friends, if we feel at ease in the presence of God, we will have the courage to come near him. (CEV)

1 John 3:22

²² We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (CEB)

When combined with verse 23, it reads, "Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another."

Compare this with **1 John 5:14** and **James 4:1-3**.

1 John 3:24

²⁴ The one who follows His teaching and walks this path lives in an intimate relationship with God. How do we know that He lives in us? By the gift of His Spirit. (VOICE)

ⁱ "Greek Lexicon :: G3954 (NASB)." Blue Letter Bible. Sowing Circle. Web. 1 Nov, 2015.
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