

2nd John #3

“This is Love”

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All who know the truth have learned it over time and the truth states that God has demonstrated His love for us in displaying His grace to us in the sending of His precious Son and knowing this causes us to desire to please Him in keeping His commands for us and the primary commands are to love the Lord, our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love His children as He and His Son love them.

To fulfill this new command to love one another as Jesus loves us, goes far beyond the old command to love your neighbors as yourself.

Therefore, fulfillment comes from actively seeking God which leads to knowing Jesus’ commands and desiring to keep them as a result of making the Word of God #1 priority in life; Matt 4:4.

By believing and trusting God, we not only receive eternal life but also the desire to keep His commands which bring the blessings of abundant life on earth as a preview of life in Heaven.

God found a way to break the power of the serpent without man’s help, just as He found a way to break the power of sin without our help at the cross.

There is no such thing as blind faith, all faith has an object which can be seen by the individual.

Faith is never blind; it’s always looking at an object and the object it sees and trusts in may be good or bad but it’s there and faith is a non-meritorious system of learning in contrast to mental reasoning and mechanical ability which are meritorious systems of learning and the only faith that counts is when the object is Jesus Christ, the Living Word for salvation and when the object is biblical truth, the written Word for spiritual growth.

All the believing in the world secures nothing but condemnation from God unless it’s the tiniest bit of faith in Jesus Christ which secures eternal salvation from God.

Since Jesus Christ did all the work for salvation on the cross, the only way we can respond when the work is already finished is to believe because that’s the only non-meritorious system of learning.

Therefore faith is nothing we do; it’s a channel or conduit whereby we appropriate what God has done for us.

The human viewpoint solution is no real lasting solution; the divine solution of God’s love expressed through His grace, explained in His Word is the only viable solution.

Only God can correctly define our problems and the greatest problem man faces is the problem of sin.

Substitution is a common theme throughout the Bible which is the only book that teaches how man's sin is forgiven.

The only way we can know what love is, is to go to the cross.

1st John 3:16 "This is how we know what love is; Jesus Christ laid down His life for us" means we need to place our attention with a spotlight on the cross of Jesus Christ; the prototype example of what it means to love.

Too many believers who've trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation remain in darkness because they don't take the time to study God's Word for their continued spiritual growth.

God saved us and left us here to conform us to the image of His beloved Son; so He definitely has a plan for our lives to take us from the point of salvation and develop our character until Jesus Christ is manifest in every area of our lives.