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August 1 & 2, 2026 | Living in Confidence - 2 | 1 John 4:15-21 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

KNOW CHRIST'S LOVE

*1 John 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God **abides** in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever **abides** in love **abides** in God, and God **abides** in him.*

***Key Word:** "Abide" (μένω // MEH-no)

... to remain, continue, or live

*1 John 4:15 Whoever **confesses** that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*

1. We SAY what we believe.

*1 John 4:16 So we have come **to know** and **to believe** the love that God has for us....*

2. We know the truth when we TRUST it.

*1 John 4:16 ...God is love, and whoever **abides** in love **abides** in God, and God **abides** in him.*

3. DEVOTE Daily.

Ask Yourself:

How will I explain my understanding of Jesus to someone else?

REST IN CHRIST'S LOVE

*1 John 4:17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no **fear** in love, but perfect love casts out **fear**. For **fear** has to do with punishment, and whoever **fears** has not been perfected in love.*

***Key Word:** "Fear" (φοβέω // pho-BEH-oh):

...to be scared, alarmed, or frightened

*1 John 4:17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have **confidence** for the day of judgment, **because as he is so also are we** in this world.*

1. Believers in Jesus can EMBRACE God's judgment because they are COVERED by Christ.

*1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but **perfect love casts out fear**. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.*

2. In Christ we can GROW out of our fear.

Ask Yourself:

How do I imagine God's judgment going for me?

LIVE OUT CHRIST'S LOVE

*1 John 4:19 We **love** because he first **loved** us. 20 If anyone says, "I **love** God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not **love** his brother whom he has seen cannot **love** God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever **loves** God must also **love** his brother.*

***Key Word:** "Love" (ἀγαπάω // ah-ga-PA-oh)

...doing what is eternally best for someone else no matter the cost.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

1. Love is a RESPONSE to God, not others.

1 John 4:20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

2. An absence of love is an absence of CHRIST.

1 John 4:21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

3. Watch what happens when you choose to love someone who doesn't DESERVE it.

Ask Yourself:

Who will I choose to love today?

We don't do this to BELONG.

We do this to BE FORMED.

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