

Sermon Notes for November 5, 2006 A.M.

Morning: “Loving Your World - An Assurance of Your Salvation”

(Joy For The Journey—World Missions Month)

(I John 3:11-24 Pew Bible page 1083)

I. New **Life** in Christ— I John 3:11-17 “We know that we have passed from death unto **life** because we **love** our brothers.” The New Birth from the Holy Spirit gives real spiritual, Christ-like **life** in our souls.

- ❖ The **Callous Man**— I John 3:11-15 “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer.” Our old sin nature cannot love as Christ loves.
- ❖ The **Compassionate Man**— I John 3:16-17 “If anyone has this world’s goods and sees his brother in need but shuts off his **compassion**, how can God’s love abide in him?” Compassion means “to feel with another.” Giving to missions and sharing Christ is to feel with the needs of a lost world to hear about Jesus.

II. New **Love** from Christ— I John 3:18-24 “He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers” The Cross is where the world can find real “agape” love from God. (Romans 5:8) Calvary love is our model and encouragement to missions.

- ❖ **The Truth** of His Love— I John 3:18 “Little children, we must **love** not in word or speech, but in deed and **truth**.” We are called to love from a true, sincere motive.
- ❖ **The Tenderness** from His Love— I John 3:19-20 “By this . . . We shall assure our **hearts** before Him. For if our **heart** condemns us, God is greater than our **heart** and knows all things.” We are given new hearts that feel and care, especially about missions, the heart beat of a Bible believing Church.
- ❖ **The Triumph** through His Love— I John 3:23 “And this is His commandment that we should **believe** on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and **love** one another as He gave us commandment.” The law and the prophets are fulfilled in the life of the Christian who loves God and loves people.
 - A **condemned** heart— I John 3:21 “Beloved, if our heart does not **condemn** us.”
 - A **confident** heart— I John 3:21-24 “We have **confidence** toward God, And whatever we ask we receive from Him . . . And by this we **know** that He abides in us by the Spirit Whom He has given us.” Loving your world and supporting missions are proofs and assurances of your salvation and gives you confidence in prayer and daily living.