

# *Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies*

## I JOHN 4:13-21

### Lesson 14

#### REVIEW:

What difference has studying I John 4:1-12 made in your life on a daily basis?

#### FIRST DAY:

Read and study I John 4:13-21 inductively. *See pages 5 and 6.*

#### SECOND DAY: Read I John 4:13-16

1. By the time we arrive at these verses we should be thoroughly convinced it is God's will that His children should *know* (be assured), that they are His. Whom has He given us so that we *know* (ginosko) that *we dwell in Him, and He in us*? I John 4:13
  - a. Record what the following verses reveal about the Spirit:
    - 1.) John 14:26
    - 2.) I John 2:27
    - 3.) How does this encourage you?
2. The Holy Spirit convinces and assures us that we dwell in Him, and He in us. What things substantiate that assurance?
  - a. I John 4:15a
  - b. I John 4:16a
    - 1.) What are some of the evidences you have seen in your own life that reassures you that the Holy Spirit dwells in you?
    - 2.) What are some things believers can do to be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit?

3. How is God described in I John 4:16?
  - a. What is the greatest expression of God's love? I John 4:10
    - 1.) Share some other ways God has shown His love for you.

**THIRD DAY: Read I John 4:17,18**

1. What does I John 4:17 say? Write this in your own words.
  - a. *Herein is our love made perfect* (complete). Love moves in a cycle. It begins in the heart of God, reaches into our hearts, and out to others, and then returns to God. As it returns to God, it is made perfect or complete (it accomplishes its goal or purpose). Because *our love is made perfect*, we have no fear of the *day of judgement* (Revelation 20:11). Rather than *fear* what does I John 4:17 say *we may have*?
2. What does I John 4:18a say about *perfect love*?
  - a. What does this verse reveal about *fear*?
3. Contrast this tormenting *fear* of I John 4:18 with the *boldness* of I John 4:17. What makes the difference?
  - a. In response to the truth of I John 4:17,18, if you have this *fear*, how will I John 4:16a help you?

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?  
-Psalm 27:1*

#### **FOURTH DAY: Read Psalm 23**

1. God's perfect love at work in our hearts not only removes the fear of eternal punishment but releases us from tormenting fear in every area of our lives. We live in a time when *men's hearts are failing them for fear*. This is not God's plan for His children. He wants us to trust in His love and care for us. Look at this *love* by writing what the Lord our Shepherd does for us, His sheep, from Psalm 23:1-6.
2. How does the realization of how much God loves you dispel *fear*?
3. How does the portrait of God's love and care for you revealed in Psalm 23 enhance your understanding of I John 4:17,18?

#### **FIFTH DAY: Read I John 4:19-21**

1. What has the manifestation of God's love toward us through Christ produced in our life?  
I John 4:19
2. Read I John 4:20 and answer the question at the end of the verse.
  - a. Examine your heart in the searchlight of this verse. Why is love for God and hatred for other Christians incompatible?
3. Write the commandment given in I John 4:21.
  - a. Take time to view the quality of this love from I Corinthians 13:4-7. How does this help you define the kind of love we are supposed to have for one another?
- 1.) What do you do when you recognize your failure to *love* like this?

*Genuine love is never self-generated by His creatures.*

## SIXTH DAY: Review I John 4:13-21

1. Note the frequent occurrence of the word *dwells* or *abides* in I John 4:12, 13, 15, and 16. How does *knowing* God *dwells* or *abides* in you and you in Him give you assurance you are His child?
  - a. Isn't it amazing that the eternal, holy God should choose to dwell within us? His indwelling presence guides us, directs us, and conforms us more and more into the likeness of Christ. Add to this list from I John 4:13-21 what His indwelling presence does in your life.
2. What did you learn about God from I John 4:13-21?
  - a. What does I John 4:13 reveal about the Spirit?
  - b. What does I John 4:14,15 reveal about Jesus?
3. What did you learn about *you* from I John 4:13-21?
4. How does an awareness of God's love help you deal with fear?
5. How are you going to put this passage (I John 4:13-21) into practice?

*As the rays come from the sun, and yet are not the sun; even so our love and pity,  
though they are not God, but merely a poor, weak image and reflection of him,  
yet from him alone they come. If there is mercy in our hearts, it comes from the fountain of mercy.  
If there is the light of love in us, it is a ray from the full sun of His love.*  
-C. Kingsley

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### VERSE

### WHAT THE VERSE IS SAYING

- 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.
- 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
- 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
- 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
- 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.
- 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
- 19 We love Him, because He first loved us.
- 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
- 21 And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Who:

When:

What:

Where:

Why:

How:

What does this passage mean?

How does it apply to you personally?