

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Reassure

1 John 3:18-24, pg. 1022

Review, [Affirmation leads to Action](#).

If you don't love the church you don't love God.

[By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35](#)

[So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10](#)

Reassure your heart

Vs. 19, "By This", also in vs. 24

1. We have come to know him. How do we know? By this; We keep his commands
2. We know we are in God. How do we know? By this; We walking like Jesus.
3. We know we are Children of God. How do we know? By this; We practice righteousness
4. We know love. How do we know? By this; Jesus laid down his life AND we lay down our lives for the church.
5. We know we are of the truth. How do we know? By this; We love in deed and truth
6. We know that God abides in us. How do we know? By this; God's Spirit is gifted to us
7. We know the Spirit of God. How do we know? By this; Our confession of the true Christ.

8. We know the Spirit of truth and what error is. How do we know? By this; We listen and respond to God's word
9. We know we abide in God and he in us. How do we know? By this; He has given us his Spirit
10. Love is perfected with us. How do we know? By this; We believe God loves us, he is love and we abide in this love
11. We love the church. How do we know? By this; We love God and obey him.

"Of the truth" But if I should be delayed, I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. 1 Timothy 3:15 (CEB).

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Tools for the CHristian life. No imperatives, though it talks about a command, it's speaking it as a truth.

Reassure your heart

Vs. 18-20

My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves. 1 John 3:18-20, MSG

Believe that! Love this!

1. Bobby Grossi

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Ties into the theme of assurance-to convince, be confident. "to exhibit confidence and assurance in a situation which might otherwise cause dismay or fear— 'to be confident, to be assured'"

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains

2. Bobby Grossi

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"John seems to be making two primary points in vv. 19–20, which can be clearly identified in Burge's paraphrase of these verses:

19a: "In this [the love and obedience we exhibit; vv. 11–18] we will know that we are of the truth."

19b–20: "We will reassure our hearts in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us, because (1) God is greater than our hearts, and (2) God knows all things."³⁴

In this rendering the basis for the assurance that "we are of the truth" is the manifest love and obedience of the foregoing verses. The self-sacrificial, active love previously described offers evidence that one is "of the truth." The NIV hides the fact that the verb "know" (gnōsometha) is in the future tense. This knowledge is an acquired knowledge based upon experience, and the use of the future tense "expresses the dependence of the knowledge upon the fulfillment of the specified condition." Thus when the condition has been met, "we will know that we are of the truth" (ek tēs alethēias). Marshall suggests that John is thinking of a time when a crisis (of belief) will come and we will want to be assured that we belong to God."

New American Commentary, Akin, D. L. (2001). 1, 2, 3 John (Vol. 38, pp. 162–163).

3. Bobby Grossi

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"It is asked whether this means that he is more merciful or more rigorous. Neither the one nor the other. It means that, although our conscience is not infallible, God is. Our hearts may be deceived; he cannot be. He knoweth all things. An awful thought for the impenitent, a blessed and encouraging thought for the penitent. He knows our sins; but he also knows our temptations,

Study Notes

1 John 3:19-24

Main Point- Convince your heart

Key Words-Know 3x

Key Verse- Vs. 19 w/ 23

FCF- Self-Condemnation , vs. 20

General God Key Words Command Truth Sin

- 1 [19] By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;
- 2 3 [20] for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. [21] Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; [22] and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. [23] And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. [24] Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God,¹ and God² in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Initial Thoughts

Vs. 19- "by this". Used 11x in this letter (see "By this" below to see references in 1 John)

This is in reference to vs. 18, *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.* It is "by this we shall know we are of the truth."

- 5 It's interesting to note that vs. 17 says heart as well but it's a different word;
- 6 *Splanchnon*. Which is more in reference to emotion; ESV- "closes his heart", NIV- "Has no pity", CEB- "Withholds Compassion". The use of heart here is *Kardian*, which is the conscience.

Greek

¹ 3:24 Greek *him*

² 3:24 Greek *he*

love.”

The Pulpit Commentary, Spence-Jones, H. D. M. (Ed.). (1909). 1 John (p. 75).

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Explicitly stating the fulfillment of the commandment is believing in Jesus and loving one another.

Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” John 6:28–29

5. Bobby Grossi

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But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in

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25.55 κλείω τὰ σπλάγχνα: (an idiom, literally ‘to close the bowels’) to refuse to show compassion— ‘to not have compassion for, to close one's heart toward.’ και θεωρῆ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ χρεῖαν ἔχοντα και κλείση τὰ σπλάγχνα αὐτοῦ ἀπ’ αὐτοῦ ‘and sees his brother in need and refuses to show him compassion’ 1 Jn 3:17.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 293). New York:

7. Bobby Grossi

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John 10:38

but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is IN me and I am IN the Father.” (ESV)

8. Bobby Grossi

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John 14:10

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells IN me does his works.

9. Bobby Grossi

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John 6:56

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides IN me, and I IN him. (ESV)

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John 10:38

but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is IN me and I am IN the Father.” (ESV)

11. Bobby Grossi

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John 14:10-11

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works

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1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (ESV)

13. Bobby Grossi

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1 John 4:15

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (ESV)

14. Bobby Grossi

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1 John 4:16

By: markers of the means by which one event makes another event possible—‘by means of, through, by’³.

The *ἐν* of Fellowship in John. Exclusively in John’s Gospel and 1 Jn. (some 15 + 12 times) we have a distinctive *ἐν* of religious fellowship. As a predicate there is often added εἶναι (Jn. 10:38; 14:10a, 11, 20; 17:21, 23, 26; 1 Jn. 2:5b; 5:20), or more commonly → μένειν (Jn. 6:56; 14:10b) Often the reciprocity of the relationship is emphasised (Jn. 6:56; 10:38). In distinction from Paul the Father (though not the Spirit) is brought into the relationship, whether with Jesus (Jn. 10:38; 14:10, 11) or with men (1 Jn. 4:12 f., 15, 16). We thus have a triangle, of which the disciples form the third side (Jn. 14:20; 17:21). The formulae are neither ecstatic nor eschatological. According to Jn. 6:56; we might call them mystical in the broader sense. But there is reference always to a personal and ethical fellowship of will (κοινωνίαν ἔχειν, 1 Jn. 1:3, 6, 7; and analogous constructions with ἀγάπη (Abide) and λόγος (word), Jn. 15:10; 1 Jn. 2:14; 3:17).⁴

this: a reference to an entity regarded as a part of the discourse setting, with pejorative meaning in certain contexts—‘this, this one.’⁵

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Commentary

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³ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*

⁴ Oepke, A. (1964–). *ἐν*. G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament*

⁵ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*

⁶ Ibid

⁷ The Pulpit Commentary, Spence-Jones, H. D. M. (Ed.). (1909). 1 John (p. 75).

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. (ESV)

15. Bobby Grossi

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John 14:20

In that day you will know that I am IN my Father, and you IN me, and I IN you. (ESV)

16. Bobby Grossi

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John 17:21

that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (ESV)

17. Bobby Grossi

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John 15:10

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide IN his love. (ESV)

18. Bobby Grossi

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1 John 2:14

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides IN you, and you have overcome the evil one. (ESV)

19. Bobby Grossi

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1 John 3:17

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide IN him? (ESV)

By This

1. 2:3, And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.
2. 2:5b-6, By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
3. 3:10, By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.
4. 3:16, By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
5. 3:18-19, Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him
6. 3:24b, Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.
7. 4:2, By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, [3] and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.
8. 4:6, We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
9. 4:13, By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
10. 4:16-17, 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. 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.
11. 5:2, By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

All these beg the question, by what? Or How? (See *Greek*)

1. We have come to know him. How do we know? By this; We keep his commands
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