

GOSPEL GUT CHECK: A CHURCH THAT LOVES LIKE JESUS

1 JOHN 3:10-18 (ESV)

Overarching theme of 1 John 2:18-3:24:

When the Holy Spirit indwells someone, He actively encourages that person's growth in (1) _____, (2) _____, and (3) love for Christian brother.

I. Jesus is forming His Church to be a _____ of _____.

A. True love...

1. Is an _____ of Jesus' love.
2. Is a _____ delight in God that flows into _____ for the people He loves.
3. Cares for another person's _____ self—spiritual and physical—without _____ of either.

B. As God grows this love among us, we experience the joy of being in God's _____.

II. Christ is forming us to be this kind of community: (1) _____ from the world, (2) _____ to many, and (3) _____ to Christ's elect.

- A. This internally-focused love will invite some people's _____ and _____.
- B. Other people will be attracted to this kind of community, leading to _____ or _____.
- C. Christ's elect will not simply be attracted to these communities—they will _____ one and _____ in its love.

III. _____ Jesus as a disciple decisively means _____ His love.

- A. Recognizing our own weakness, _____ yourself before God and ask the Spirit to _____ this love in you.
- B. Open your eyes to the spiritual and physical _____ of _____ around you.
- C. As the Spirit stirs our compassion toward Christian brothers and sisters, _____ how God has _____ you to meet their needs...and do it!
- D. While many promise to love but don't follow through, Spirit-filled people _____ up their _____ out of love.