

## GOSPEL GUT CHECK: DOES GOD REALLY LOVE ME?

1 JOHN 4:15-21 (ESV)

I. If we're honest about our \_\_\_\_\_ to love and the \_\_\_\_\_ beneath that, we'll dread meeting God.

A. Our \_\_\_\_\_ puts us in dreadful \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

B. We will \_\_\_\_\_ to God for our sin when we \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Through Jesus, God has provided a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment.

A. God's solution: we're freed from the fear of judgment because of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. On the cross, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ due for sin.

2. In His resurrection, Jesus proved that sin's \_\_\_\_\_ is broken and its penalty \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Those who trust Christ and give their life to follow Him...

a. Are \_\_\_\_\_ of their debt to God for sin.

b. Are set free to love God and others, as they were designed to.

c. Will \_\_\_\_\_ forever with God and one another in a new, perfected Creation.

B. God provided this solution for sin and judgment, because He \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Through Jesus, God replaces our dread of judgment with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ before Him.

III. In the moments you fear God's justice, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ until you know you're perfectly loved.

A. Jesus invites you to believe that He paid your debt—and to give your life to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Dread of God recurs when we (a) forget what the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ and (b) believe other \_\_\_\_\_ about myself.

C. The only way to silence our dread of God is to \_\_\_\_\_ with the Gospel, until it convinces you that you're \_\_\_\_\_ loved by God.

IV. When we're \_\_\_\_\_ in God's love, He \_\_\_\_\_ us to love others.

*When the Gospel silences our fear, we're freed...*

A. To enjoy God's care without performance or \_\_\_\_\_ and

B. To love fellow \_\_\_\_\_ as we have been loved.