

COMPONENTS OF HOLY AFFECTIONS — 1 JOHN 3:18-24

1

LOVE FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS (v.18)

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (1Jn.3:18)

- People you wanted nothing to do with before you were saved, all of a sudden you find yourself loving those people. It is a love that finds expression in what you do.

LOVE



2

GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GRACE (v.19-20)

¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. (1Jn.3:19-20)

- One of the great realities that happens when a person is saved, a burden has been lifted.
- No matter what your conscience may say to you, God is greater.
- God has a higher standard than you do, and He has pronounced you justified (Ro.8:1).

GRATITUDE



3

BOLDNESS IN PRAYER (v.21-22a)

²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²²And whatever we ask we receive from Him, ... (1Jn.3:21-22a)

- The unbeliever has no drive to run into the presence of God and unload all the passions of his heart.
- The one whom the Lord has regenerated and made His own loving child, knows God as Abba Father.
- He knows that anything he asks within His will he is going to receive.

BOLDNESS



4

OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDS (v.22)

And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight (1Jn.3:22)

- This is about obedience and love. We do those things we believe will please Him.
- Obedience is not burdensome. It is joyous for genuine believers.

OBEDIENCE



5

FAITH IN CHRIST (v.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 (1Jn.3:23)

- You are a Christian when you believe in Jesus in all He is, why He came, and what He did.

FAITH



6

PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (v.24)

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us (1Jn.3:24)

- You cannot see the Holy Spirit. You cannot feel the Holy Spirit.
- But you do 'see' with spiritual eyes, the hand of the Spirit orchestrating things in your life (Ro.8:14).

SPIRIT

