



LOVING GOD BY LOVING HIS COMMANDMENTS  
1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 3:19-24  
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## I. Introduction

We cannot come to God's throne with confidence if our prayers are coated in 'what ifs' and 'fear' of what is on our hearts—we worship the God of forgiveness.

## II. Living, Responding Obedience (vv. 19-20)

- a. People of truth
- b. The moral law activates your conscience

## III. Learning, Conviction Obedience (vv. 21-22)

- a. God loves us—even with our frailties
- b. Childlike, not childish faith

## IV. Loving, Abiding Obedience (vv. 23-24)

- a. We believe and trust
- b. The Holy Spirit's presence

## V. Conclusion

Do everything in the name and for the name of Jesus Christ. Let Jesus be known through your life.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

Week: October 25, 2020

Title: Loving God By Loving His  
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Text: 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:19-24

### **Kick Starters...**

1. When have you felt hindered in your walk with Jesus because of any particular reasons? Please share...
2. Upon salvation, every single Christian has been in possession of the divine gift of assurance. How does that confident truth impact our lives daily?

### ***Entertain the text***

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

### ***Engage the text***

4. Read Romans 2:15 together. What does it mean to know we are all born with a conscience—the minimal knowledge necessary to know right from wrong?

5. Think of your car's dashboard and the 'warning lights'. How is our conscience often a warning marker or reminder in our lives?
6. How does our conscience serve to 'redirect' us during times of deep prayer? (Hint: Think of how you consider your recent actions or behaviors or words toward others).
7. Post salvation, we must deal with the remnant of a corrupted flesh each day. How does our obedience to Christ demonstrate our confidence in God's mercy?
8. Jesus called us to be childlike, not childish, in our walk with him (Matt 18:2-4). As God's children, how does this help us understand our prayer requests we bring before God as our heavenly father? (Hint: Parent perspective versus children's requests)
9. Obedience is not very popular these days. Read Rom. 1:4-5. Discuss how we love God best when we love God first in our lives?

### ***Execute the text***

10. Choose to love Christ first in your life. The best way to do that is to remain faithful to him. How will you do that this week?