

Love is the Meaning of Eternal Life

1 Jn 3:19

By *this* (the love described in verse 18) we shall know that we are *of the truth*, and reassure our hearts before Him (satisfy our conscience in His presence), whenever our hearts condemn us. For YHWH is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything (Jn 21:17) beyond all accusation. YHWH knows everything, and judges by the love we demonstrate to others as verse 18 points out (1 Jn 3:13-18). YHWH is greater than our hearts that condemn us, so He judges by our abiding love to others rather than by our deceitful and moody heart, and the constant accusation of the Devil, the false accuser, the liar from the beginning, the one who can do nothing but *tell a lie*. His judgment is “beyond all accusation.”

So beloved, when the accuser is exposed and now if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before YHWH and we receive His commandments and do what pleases Him. And THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT, that we should believe in the *total personality* of His Son Yahshua, the Messiah, *AND* love one another — just as He commanded us — which fulfills the whole law (Jn 6:28-29; 13:34; 15:12-17; Acts 16:31; Jn 3:36).

To believe and love as He commanded, there must be BOTH; One without the other is *mere* indulgence if one would be forgiven by the atonement. For YHWH knows the heart of every man. In baptism, if you received the Holy Spirit, it is because He knows your heart. And *by this* we know that He did give us the Holy Spirit — by this (1 Jn 3:24) because we keep His commandments.

Mt 7:12; 5:20; 1 Jn 4:11-13 — *TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER IS THE ONLY AUTHENTICATION THAT WE KNOW YHWH*. By this we know that He lives in us and we live in Him — because He has given us of His own Spirit.

1 Jn 4:17-18 — *PERFECTED LOVE...* If you say, “You don't have to live in *NO COMMUNE* to do this either”! Say also you can't do it outside of the same commune – ity of love.

In this way (as 1 Jn 3:18 describes) we shall come to know that we are (of the truth) and shall satisfy our consciences in His presence in whatever matters our hearts condemn us — because YHWH is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have perfect confidence toward YHWH and whatever we ask for we obtain from Him because we obey His commands and do the things which are pleasing in His sight (1 Jn 5:14-15). Each individual member must deal with his own heart by the over whelming conviction of his own conscience (1 Jn 1:7 and 1:6), if we are walking in the light of His very presence (He knows everything). we therefore do not claim to be walking in the light while in darkness but we confess that we are in darkness (1 Jn 1:9) by the practice of certain sins which we know of —

thus by this we practice the truth and are of the truth even if we fail miserably and fall short of loving our brothers and sisters many ways during the week.

The word *satisfy* or *reassure* our hearts means we *persuade* our hearts by the overwhelming conviction in our hearts that we do actually love not just talk about it but love our brothers — when even we fall short of perfect love toward them — we are “faulty loyal” to one another now. Our merciful and ever faithful Savior will remember and remember to forget every one of our sins (Isa 43:25; Jer 31:34).

Our Father who knows everything judges us by our abiding love to others rather than by our passing moods and emotions (Jn 21:17). Enduring love — abiding love is continual — remaining love — over a period of time consistently (in deed and truth, 1 Jn 3:18).

Whoever *knows* YHWH discriminates between truth and error (1 Jn 4:6; Jn 8:47; 10:4-5).