

Sunday, September 04, 2022

Sermon Series: *Walk in God's Light - Live in God's Love*

Sermon Title: "God's Spiritual APGAR Test"

Text: 1 John 4:16-5:5

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Big Idea: The Apostle John identifies a believer's new birth in Christ by identifying several spiritual markers that can be used to evaluate our present spiritual health.

What are the spiritual markers of a born-again believer?

- 1) Believers should score high in eternal confidence. (1 John 4:17-19 / Romans (8:1-2)**
- 2) Believers should score high in brotherly love. (1 John 4:20-21)**
- 3) Believers should score high in loving obedience. (1 John 5:1-3)**
- 4) Believers should score high in a victorious, Godly worldview. (1 John 5:4-5)**

Christian love for others becomes sweeter only when we are intentional about serving God for them and with them.

Study and Discussion Questions for 1 John 4:17 – 5:5

- 1) Do you ever think about how you evaluate yourself as a believer? How should our self-evaluation differ from how the world evaluates us?**
- 2) Which "fear of judgment" do you think most believers struggle with the most? Fear of past failure, present circumstance, or future judgment by God? How can love conquer those?**
- 3) What things most often keep believers from loving each other? What does John say could reignite Christian love for others?**
- 4) What might be some ways we could make daily obedience to God more of a joy than a mere obligation?**
- 5) Why does "spiritual victory through complete separation from the world" almost never last long? How can believers make serving God an act of worship?**