

BOOK OF 1 JOHN
Lesson #13 -Abide in God
Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:12-16

Introduction:

1. Our spiritual shelter is in God.
2. We have a great desire to abide in God and He in us.
3. How do we know that God abides in us?

I. THROUGH OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER -Jn 13:34, 35

- A. We are to love one another as He has loved us.
 1. He laid His life down for us -Jn 15:13
 2. Likewise, lay our lives down for the brethren -1Jn 3:16-18
- B. It is by our love that others will know we are His
 1. They will see Jesus living in us -Ga 2:20; 2Co 3:18
 2. Through love others are won to Christ

II. THROUGH HIS SON HE SENT

- A. THE EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT
 1. John, along with the other disciples, saw the Savior
 2. John wrote that we might have faith in Him -Jn 20:30, 31; 1Jn 5:13
- B. WE MUST CONFESS JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD
 1. Jesus commanded it -Mt 10:22, 23
 2. Peter demonstrated it -Mt 16:13-ff
 3. If we are ashamed of Jesus, He will be ashamed of us -Mk 8:38

III. THROUGH ABIDING IN HIS LOVE

- A. GOD IS LOVE
 1. He has loved man from the very beginning
 2. He wants man to have life -De 30:19, 20
 3. He sent us His Son that we might have life -Ro 5:6-8
- B. WE LOVE OTHERS
 1. This includes those who are lost in sin
 - a. Jesus ate with sinners and tax collectors -Mt 9:11-13
 - b. Jesus came to the home of Zacchaeus -Lk 19:1-10
 2. This includes our enemies -Mt 5:43, 44; Ro 12:18-21

Conclusion:

1. We cannot abide in God without sharing in His characteristics.
2. We must see the example of His love through His Son.
3. We must abide in His love by following His blessed example.