

**BOOK OF 1 JOHN**  
Lesson #14 -Perfect Love  
Scripture Reading: 1John 4:17-21

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Introduction:

1. Man has different definitions for love. The love from God is perfect (i.e. complete).
2. The love that has been perfected in us serves a great purpose.
3. How does perfect love improve our spiritual life before God?

**I. GIVES US BOLDNESS IN JUDGMENT**

**A. THE REALITY OF JUDGMENT**

1. Several of the Jesus' parables taught Judgment
  - a. Parable of the Tares -Mt 13:24-30; 36-43
  - b. Parable of the Dragnet -Mt 13:47-52
  - c. All three parables in Matthew 25
2. Writings in the NT
  - a. After death in judgment -He 9:27
  - b. We will all appear in judgment -2Co 5:10

**B. WE WALK AS JESUS WALKED**

1. A servant is not greater than his master -Jn 15:20
2. We are to be imitators of Jesus -1Co 11:1; Ph 4:9
3. We are to walk worthy of the Lord -Co 1:10

**II. MOTIVATES US PROPERLY**

**A. FEAR CAN STEER ONE AWAY FROM SIN**

1. Fear is reverent respect for God -Ex 20:20; De 5:29
2. We are to perfect holiness in fear of the Lord -2Co 7:1

**B. LOVE MOTIVATES US TO RIGHTEOUSNESS**

1. Loving God is the greatest commandment -Mt 22:36-38
2. We are to imitate God as dear children -Ep 5:1
3. We grow in the fruit of the Spirit -Ga 5:22, 23

**III. TEACHES US TO LOVE**

**A. NATURE OF LOVE AND HATE**

1. They cannot coexist in the same heart.
2. Compare light and darkness -1Jn 1:5, 6

**B. RELATING TO OUR BROTHER**

1. Be reconciled -Mt 5:23, 24; 18:15-17
2. Speak well of them -Ja 3:9-12

Conclusion:

1. God has demonstrated His perfect love for us -Ro 5:6-8
2. Likewise, we reflect His great love to Him, to each other, and to the lost.