

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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1 John 4:13-21

1. How, according to verses 13-16, do we know that we live in him and he in us?
 - a. A mental assurance of grace affirmed in scripture.
 - b. The presence of His Spirit in our lives.
 - c. The testimony and affirmation of Jesus as the Son of God.
 - d. Love...and remember what that really means (4:10)!

2. How do we know that we have been given the Spirit?
 - a. We guess about it or hope for it, since we know that it is mentioned in the scripture.
 - b. Gifts of the Spirit (Rom 12:6-8, 1 Cor 12:8-10).
 - c. The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23).
 - d. The witness of his Spirit (Rom 8:14-17).

3. How, according to 4:17-18, can we have confidence on the day of judgment?
 - a. Love is made complete among us.
 - b. In this world we are like Jesus.
 - c. His perfect love has driven out our fear.
 - d. We are no longer afraid of punishment because his love fills us.
 - e. His perfect love has so filled us that we display it constantly by obeying his commands, remaining in him, loving others, and just overflowing with true love in action as it says in 3:18.

4. Why, according to 4:19, do we love?
 - a. Everybody loves...Ice cream, summer, our kids!
 - b. We cannot truly love without God. Again, even sinners love those who love them (Matt 5:46), but it is unnatural for us to care about the good of those who have wronged us.
 - c. Our love for others who treat us bad or wrong us is in response to the love that God has for us, which is also undeserved.
 - d. We love because he first loved us!

5. What does verse 20 say about those who say that they love God, but do not love their brother or sister? _____

6. How can you show your love for God?
 - a. I sing songs.
 - b. I obey his commands.
 - c. I love his people...the people I can see and can serve their interests above my own, as he did for me.

7. Is God's love made complete in you? Yes____ No____
Are you confident about what will happen to you on the day of judgment? _____
