

What is True Love?

2 John

I. Introduction to the letter (verses 1-3).

II. True love cannot be separated from _____ (vss 4-9).

A. We are to _____ (vs 5).

B. True love involves _____ (vs 6).

“True love is doing what is ‘best’ for the other person as God defines ‘best’ in his word.”

C. Deceivers do not _____ (vss 7-8)

³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. 1 John 4:3-4 (NASB)

D. Only those who abide in Christ’s teaching _____ (vs 9)

¹⁰ **The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.**

1 John 5:10 (NASB)

III. Do not support those who _____ (vss 10-11)

Life Group Questions 2 John

1. Share some of the different uses of “love” you have observed. How often have you seen the word love actually defined?
2. Why does love have to be anchored in some kind of absolute truth? What happens when it is not so anchored?
3. How is obeying God’s commands tied into true love?
4. Pastor Mark defined true love as: doing what is ‘best’ for the other person as God defines ‘best’ in his word. Do you think this is an accurate definition? Why or why not?
5. What do we have to discern if we are going to truly love someone?
6. What is the spirit of the antichrist?
7. Who has God according to John and who does not have God?
8. Why is it impossible to have a relationship with God without Jesus?
9. How do you interpret verses 10-11? What can we do and not do with those who deny Jesus?