

# **“Perfect Love”**

## **1 John 4:17-21**

### Introduction

- I. A lot is said about “love”.
- II. Some have mistaken love for lust or desire.
- III. We can know “true love” or otherwise known as “perfect love”.

### Discussion

- I. “Perfect love” allows us to have confidence.
  - A. There are different sections in God's Word that discuss the Judgment Day (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-52; Matt. 25; Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10).
  - B. If we follow the steps of our Master, then we can indeed be confident (John 15:20; 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 4:9; Heb. 10:19-25).
- II. “Perfect love” gives us proper motivation.
  - A. Godly fear leads us away from sin (Exo. 20:20; Deut. 5:29; 2 Cor. 7:1).
  - B. We are motivated to be righteous (Matt. 22:36-38; Eph. 5:1; Gal. 5:22-23).
- III. “Perfect love” teaches us to love others.
  - A. We cannot be pleasing to God if we do not love our fellow man (Matt. 22:39).
  - B. There is a specific love that it to exist among brethren (Heb. 13:1; 1 John 4:20).
  - C. We should strive to keep that love (Matt. 5:23-24; 18:15-17; James 3:9-12).

### Conclusion

- I. God has done His part to demonstrate “perfect love” to us (Rom. 5:6-8).
- II. We must do our part to learn and extend “perfect love”.