Our Holy Assurance Policy: The Test of Love

The Apostle John wrote a love letter to all believers in Christ. This letter contains a series of tests. These tests are holy diagnostic tools to bring health and healing to our lives. It is as if God has a holy template which he lays over us to see how we line up with his will. God’s will for us is that we love one another.

As God places his template of love over our lives, the places that are ill-fitting get our attention in a hurry. The ugly bulges of disobedience and strife become very noticeable. We can try to hide them, but if we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, our Lord, we eventually cannot live with ourselves. The call of love and obedience will correct us as we repent.

John used Cain as a negative example. God’s template of love exposed Cain’s heart. It’s all recorded for us in Genesis, chapter four. Notice that Genesis four follows Genesis three. Cain refused correction. He was merely following in Adam’s footsteps. Since we are no longer in Adam, but in Christ, we should all welcome correction. Deep in our hearts we long to be like Christ. The longing was placed there by God and made alive by the Holy Spirit. By faith we can now welcome the test of love.

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**1 John 3:11-24**

 11-15 THE TEST OF LOVE

 Genesis 4:1-10

 16-20 THE ACT OF LOVE

 John 13:1-5; 12-17

 21-24 THE COMMAND OF LOVE

 ▪ Confidence

 ▪ Obedience

 Matthew 22:34-40

 ▪ Fellowship