



## Outline – Sunday School July 01, 2018

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**Sermon Title:** Blessed Assurance! “It’s Essence and Evidence”

**Text:** 1 John 2:3-6

The Test of true fellowship with the *Light*. vv. 3-4

1. The *clear* **proof** of an *intimate* relationship with Christ is marked by present obedience.
  - a. The *mark*: Obedience. John 15:11-14, 17/1 John 3:23; 4:21; 5:2-3
  - b. The *Manifestation*: One’s conversion. Jer. 31:31-34
  - c. The *Motivation*: The Love of God. 1 John 2:2; 4:10-11
  - d. The *misrepresentation*: Hypocrisy. v. 4/1 John 1:6/Matt. 7:21-23/Luke 6:46

The Test of God’s *Love* perfected in us...v. 5

2. The *comforting* **promise** of *inward* perfection of God’s love are for those committed to His Word.
  - a. The careful *attendance* to and *affection* of the Word of God. Ps. 119:9-16, 41-48
  - b. The *aim* of God’s love *accomplished* in us: John 3:16/1 John 4:7-13/John 14:15-17, 21-27

The Test of how one’s *Life* should Look...v. 6

3. The *continual* **practice** of *imitating* Christ evidences those who are *abiding in him*.
  - a. A true believer *patterns* his life after Christ’s example of obedience. John 15:4, 7-10/  
Luke 6:40/John 8:31-32, 36/Eph. 5:1-2
  - b. God is the *presence* and *power* behind the persevering and conformity to Christ-likeness.  
Phil. 1:6; 2:12-13