

## Life in the Word, Pt 9, 1 John 4:19-5:12

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We start with God's love - He \_\_\_\_\_ us to love others.  
As \_\_\_\_\_ people, we learn from God how to love others like us.

Our love starts in the \_\_\_\_\_ That's where we learn how to love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive or not.  
Forgiveness is a dimension of Agape love. God's kind of love forgives when the other person doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ it. God's love forgives when the other person is not asking for it or even wants restoration of the relationship.

### Marks of a Born of God Believer:

1-Love Check: Do you love your brothers and sisters in Christ (more and more)? (2:9-11, 3:10-18, 4:7-11, 20-21)

2-Sin Check: Do you \_\_\_\_\_ sin (more and more) or do you continue sinning and consider it acceptable? (1:5-10; 3:4-10)

3-Belief Check: What do you believe about Jesus? Does it \_\_\_\_\_ with the Word of God? (5:1; 4:15)

4-Obedience Check: Do you love God by \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments (more and more)? (2:3-5; 5:2-3)

5-Growth Check: Are you \_\_\_\_\_ the world (more and more)? (2:15-17; 5:4-5)

6-Fear Check: Do you live in fear, or does God's love dissipate your fears (more and more)? (4:17-18)

This does not mean we can \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation!

**Ephesians 2:8-10**, "For it is by grace you have been saved...",

Three testify: 1) Water: Baptism.

2) Blood: Death on the cross.

3) Spirit: Our \_\_\_\_\_ witness of the Spirit of God about Christ.