

## OUTLINE

### 1 JOHN 3:11-24

#### **AUTHENTIC LOVE: THE EVIDENCE OF ETERNAL LIFE AND THE SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD**

**PURPOSE STATEMENT:** *Those who believe in Jesus Christ can have assurance of salvation by testing their authentic love for one another. Authentic love for one another is the evidence of eternal life and the source of confidence before God.*

- A. LOVE IS COMMANDED (v. 11)
- B. LOVE IS CONTRASTED (vv. 12-15) (in the example of Cain)
- C. LOVE IS CHARACTERIZED (vv. 16-18) (in the example of Christ)
  - 1. Authentic love is sacrificing (v. 16)
  - 2. Authentic love is seeing (v.17)
  - 3. Authentic love is sensing (v.17)
  - 4. Authentic love is serving (v.18)
- D. AUTHENTIC LOVE IS THE SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD (vv. 19-24)
  - A. Confidence leads to prayer
  - B. Confidence leads to abiding