

**“The Father’s Love in Adoption”
1 John 2:5-6**

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4. The Tests of Our Adoption

- a. The Test of Fellowship: 1 John 1:1-10
- b. The Test of Obedience: 1 John 2:3-5a
- c. The Test of Conformity: 1 John 2:5-6
- d. The Test of Loving other Christians: 1 John 3:14

Principle 1: We cannot love each other without enjoying fellowship with God that is drawing us to know His love, grow in His love and be empowered by His love.

1 John 2:5, 1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:16-17, 1 John 4:9

Principle 2: We must see each other always in the light of our eternal family ties not through our earthly conduct living out those family ties.

1 John 3:1, 1 Corinthians 13:7

Principle 3: It is a natural expectation that we love one another.

1 John 3:11, 1 John 4:11, Romans 6:1-2

Principle 4: Loving other Christians, all Christians, is a command to obey, not an option to consider based on circumstances or feelings.

1 John 3:23, 1 John 4:21, John 14:15

Principle 5: Fear of vulnerability and transparency cannot prevent our loving one another sincerely and sacrificially.

1 John 4:18, 1 Peter 1:22

Principle 6: Loving one another is not a dull and necessary duty to obey but a privileged command to delight in.

1 John 5:2-3, Psalm 119:35

TODAY

1. God’s love is willful

1 John 4:9-10, Ephesians 1:7-10, Hebrews 10:5-7, Psalm 40:6-8

2. God’s love is personal

1 John 4:9, John 1:14

3. God’s love is purposeful

1 John 4:10, 1 John 2:2

4. God’s love is costly

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