

IN THE LIGHT

THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 John 4:19-21
1 John 5:1-12
Romans 10:9
Matthew 11:28-29
Matthew 7:21-23
Matthew 16:24-25

How Do You Love God?

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- You can't base your faith on mere feelings. They are momentary responses to stimuli.
- To share this life with God... or to be born of God is to believe that Jesus is who He says He is.
- Believing that Jesus is who He says He is, is the key to salvation.
- In 1 John 5:3, John says you love God by obeying God's commands.
- When you give your life over to Jesus, you love others sacrificially because you've given up your own selfish nature.
- If following Jesus is difficult for you, it's because you've got competing interests.
- The world's desires compete with God's commands.
- When you give yourself fully over to His commands, you overcome the world through faith.
- John lists three examples of imagery to offer proof of Jesus to prove our faith is not in vain:
 - Water, referring to Jesus' baptism.
 - Blood, referring to Jesus' death.
 - Spirit, which leads us to know that Jesus is real.
- You know you're a part of God's family when you find yourself living a different kind of life that's pointed outward instead of inward.