



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, I pray that I would not love merely in theory or in speech but in deed and truth, in practice and sincerity. I pray, Lord, that You would help me love other people, for love is from You. Let me always remember the greatest commandment and the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. Lord, there are many we do not agree with, but we are to pray for them and bless them not curse them, this does not mean we have to agree with them. Help us to always be humble and to love; even the unlovely. You my Lord were and are the example of this in love, for we ourselves were sinners and fell short of the glory of God. Led us in the way to go and how we are to respond as You would have us to, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## Scripture

### I John 3 ( 2005)

#### 1 John 3:1-24 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup> And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

<sup>5</sup> And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

<sup>6</sup> Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

<sup>9</sup> Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. <sup>10</sup> In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

<sup>12</sup> Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death. <sup>15</sup> Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

<sup>16</sup> Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup> But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

<sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

<sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

<sup>22</sup> And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

<sup>24</sup> And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

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**1 John 3:1–12. Righteousness**

John makes some very strong statements about sin:

- “No one who continues to sin has either seen [God] or known him” (1 John 3:6).
- “He who does what is sinful is of the devil” ( v. 8 ).
- “No one who is born of God will continue to sin” ( v. 9 ). Yet, John had just said what seems to be the opposite:
- “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves” ( 1:8 ).
- “If we claim we have not sinned, we make [God] out to be a liar” ( 1:10 ).

How can we explain these paradoxical statements? There is a difference between sins of weakness and willful, habitual sin. An eagle may dip its wings in the mud, but it is still an eagle. A righteous man may have sins of weakness and yet be a righteous man. John may have had in mind certain heretical teachers (such as Jezebel, Revelation 2:20 ) who, while claiming special, superior fellowship with God, were at the same time wallowing in the filth of immorality.

**1 John 3:13–24. Love**

The dominant note of this letter is love.

- “We should love one another” ( 1 John 3:11 ).
- “Anyone who does not love his brother” is not a child of God ( v. 10 ).
- “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers” ( v. 14 ).
- “Anyone who does not love remains in death” ( v. 14 ).
- “Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer” ( v. 15 ).
- “Let us love one another” ( 4:7 ).
- “Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God” ( 4:7 ).
- “Love comes from God” ( 4:7 ).
- “We ... ought to love one another” ( 4:11 ).
- “God is love” ( 4:16 ).
- “Whoever lives in love lives in God” ( 4:16 ).
- “If we love one another, God lives in us” ( 4:12 ).
- “Perfect love drives out fear” ( 4:18 ).
- “We love because he first loved us” ( 4:19 ).
- “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar” ( 4:20 ).
- “For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen” ( 4:20 ).  
(Halley’s Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; page 886-887)

God’s Love: V2 Everyone has a god, master passion, or guiding principle. We become like the god we serve (Psalm 115:4-8). Worshiping any false god is a degrading experience. Worshiping the true and living God is an elevating experience. V3 Watching for the return of Christ is a purifying force in the Church. V6 “Sinneth not” means does not practice sin. V8 He who is living in continual sin is of the devil; for the devil has continually sinned from the beginning. Christ was sent to the earth to destroy Satan’s work in our lives (John 16:7-11; Romans 6:6). V9 “Commit sin” means practice sin. “His seed” refers to Christ’s seed (1 Peter 1:23). V11 Our faith in Christ should produce love in our hearts for each other. V16 We cannot really know God through nature, because nature is fallen. Though nature does speak to us of God, the only way we can know of God’s love is through Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8). V23 These are the commands the child of God is required to keep (Matthew 5:44-46). V24 Romans 8:9.  
(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 181)

I like to teach 1 John 3:9 this way: I used to be a full-time sinner, and once in a while I “accidentally” did something right. But now that I have spent many years developing a deep, personal relationship with God and His Word, I concentrate on being a full-time obedient child of God. I still make mistakes, but not nearly as many as I once did. I am not where I need to be, but thank God, I am not where I used to be. There are times when I accidentally make mistakes, but it is not the desire of my heart to do wrong. I do not deliberately or knowingly commit sin. I do not habitually sin. So I do not allow those occasions to make me feel insecure. I do not do everything right, but I do know that the attitude of my heart is right. I encourage you to look at the sins and mistakes you make—and at the attitude of your heart—the same way.

According to 1 John 3:10, righteousness and loving other believers are two indicators of belonging to God. Is there a fellow Christian in your life that you have a hard time getting along with? Ask God to show you practical ways to show His love to this person, and as you do these things, ask God to change your heart.

First John 3:16-18 teaches us some things about love. How do you define love? Clearly, one aspect of love is helping meet the needs of others. It is important to tell people that God loves them and that you love them; it is also necessary to demonstrate that love through action and good deeds, especially toward fellow believers. (1 Corin. 13)

First John 3:20, 21 speaks to us about condemnation in our hearts. A condemned heart steals confidence. Anyone who wants to be a victorious Christian must learn to handle condemnation. When he sins, he needs to know how to shake it off and quickly go on because no one is perfect. He may have a perfect heart, a heart that genuinely loves and seeks to please God, but he still will not be perfect in every thought, word, and deed.

I know how condemning it is to teach others about what is right and then foul up in that very area. When we do things like that, we feel a double dose of condemnation because the devil says to us, "You of all people ought to know better." If we listen to him, he will make us feel that we are not worthy of God's love.

We must be able to shake off feelings of condemnation. If we can not, we will have no confidence before God. Without confidence, our faith will not work. And without faith, we cannot please God or receive from Him the things we need in order to do what He has called us to do.

That is why Proverbs 4:23 teaches us to guard our hearts with all diligence and reminds us that the issues of life flow out of our hearts.

God convicts us of our wrongdoing; He does not condemn us. Conviction helps us repent and be lifted out of our problems; condemnation only pushes us down and makes us feel bad about ourselves.

Romans 8:33, 34 tells us that God justifies us; He does not bring charges against us. Jesus does not condemn us. He died for us. He sits at the Father's right hand, actually pleading in intercession for us (see Romans 8:34). I have learned from this scripture that when I feel condemned, I either do it to myself or the devil does it to me. Always submit to God's conviction, but resist Satan's condemnation. When Jesus takes His throne we will all be judged....all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. If you are sinning....and want to be forgiven, the forgiveness is by God's Grace, through His Son....so repent....

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, commentaries, pages 2100-2104)  
(Word Search 9, Bible Software; (KJV) 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

**Psa 119:105**  
**Thy word [is] a lamp unto**  
**my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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