

1. The first thing we are told in this chapter is a command to “Behold.” What are we told to behold here?
 2. How has God shown this type of love?
 3. Why does the world not know us?
 4. So now what are we considered?
 5. What hasn't been revealed yet?
 6. When Jesus is revealed, what will happen?
 7. What will cause us to be like Jesus?
 8. Next we read that we can be as pure as Jesus. How (notice that this is basically a cause/effect statement)?
 9. What is sin?
 10. We will read two reasons why Jesus came (was manifested) in this chapter and here is the 1st one. What is it?
 11. What is there none of in Jesus?
 12. In v. 6, we have our next cause and effect. The cause is abiding in Him. What is the effect?
 13. We have a 2nd cause and effect in that verse. The cause is living in continual sin. What is the effect?
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14. In v. 7, we have another cause and effect where we are told we can be as righteous as Jesus is righteous. What cause is there to become as righteous as Jesus (notice the comparison is practicing righteousness versus continuing in sin)?

15. In v. 8, we have our next cause and effect. The effect is being “of the devil”. What is the cause?

16. What has the devil been doing from the beginning?

17. Now we have our 2nd reason for Jesus coming (being manifested). What is it?

18. Now we have our next cause/effect. The effect is not continuing in a lifestyle of sin. What is the cause?

19. Why is such a person not continuing to sin?

20. Now we have a comparison between 2 children. Who are they?

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21. We have 2 qualifications of people who are not of God. What are they (don't forget to put them in the cause/effect list)?

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22. Now we read what the message was that they had heard from the beginning. How does this relate to ch. 2? What is this message?

23. Remember how people were broken into 2 categories by being called 2 types of children? Here they are developed. Why did Cain murder his brother?

24. If Cain was under such a mindset, and the world is much like Cain, what shouldn't surprise us about the world's view of us?

25. In v. 14, we have our next 2 cause and effects. What are they?

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26. Who is a murderer (this is also listed as cause/effect)?

27. What do no murderer possess?

28. How can we know love (cause/effect)?

29. How should we apply this love to our own lives?

30. There are those who, in their actions, could lead others to ask, "How can the love of God be in that person?" What actions could elicit such a question?

31. How are we to love (2)?

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32. We have, in essence, 2 more effects in v. 18. List out the causes and effects related to this verse.

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33. What comfort can we find when our hearts condemn us (2)?

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34. How can we have confidence before God?

35. Why do we know that we get what we ask of God (2)?

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36. What is His commandment (2)?

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37. Building on this idea we have our next cause/effect. The cause is keeping the command (as listed in question 36). What is the effect?

38. How do we know that He abides in us?

Application

- In this chapter, we see an exhortation to love one another as the Lord has loved us and called us His children! With the context of sacrificial service as the definition of love here, do you find yourself loving others as we are commanded to? Taking the converse definition of selfish indulgence, do you find yourself hating others by putting yourself above them and using them to fulfill your desires? Obviously, this is a sobering checkup, but it is so vital to walk how Jesus walked: in selfless love!
- Pray that the Love the Father has poured out on us through His Son Jesus would pour out of us onto everyone we interact with, that you would love as you are called to!