



LOVE

one another

A SERMON SERIES
FROM 1 JOHN

OUTLINE OF FIRST JOHN

BASIS OF LOVE

BEHAVIOUR OF LOVE

Conditions
of Love

Cautions
of Love

Characteristics
of Love

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of Love

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ABIDING IN
GOD'S LIGHT

ABIDING IN
GOD'S LOVE

ABIDING IN
GOD'S LIFE

*Written in Ephesus c.90AD by Apostle John.
Written to refute Gnostic error in Churches John oversaw.*

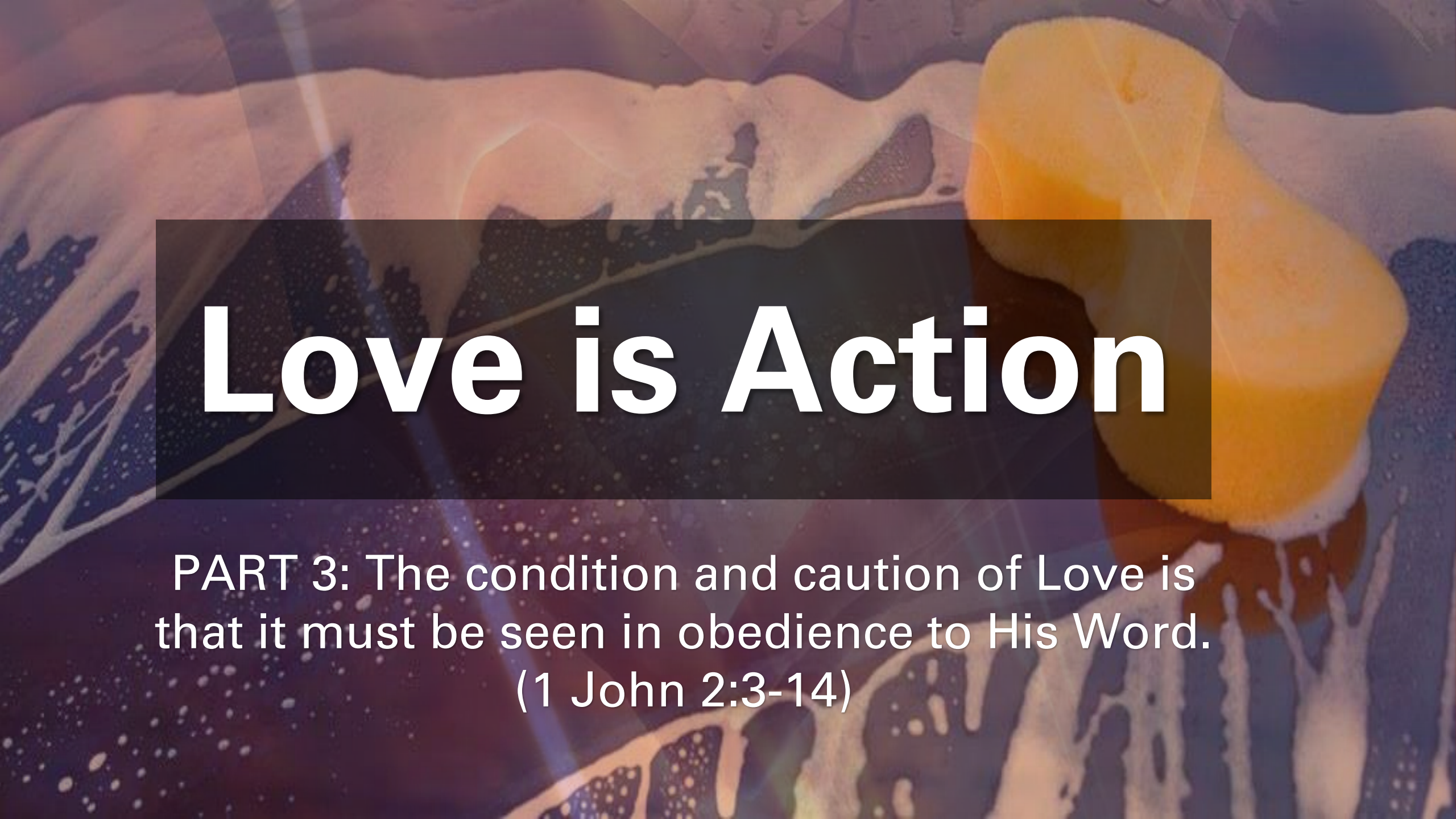
The conditions of love
(*'Abiding in the Light'*) are:

- Knowing the Truth
- Living in Purity

CAUTION: These should lead to:

OBEDIENCE





Love is Action

PART 3: The condition and caution of Love is
that it must be seen in obedience to His Word.
(1 John 2:3-14)

1. Love is Obedience to His Commands

1 John 2:3-4 (NKJV)

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

John 14

...I go to My Father.
...that I will do, that the Father
may be glorified in the Son.
14 "If you ask anything in My
name, I will do it.
15 "If you love Me, keep My
commandments.
16 "And I will pray the Father,
and He will give you another
Helper, that He may abide with
you forever—

A Command Both Old and New

1 John 2:7-8

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

A new commandment I give to you,
**That you love one another;
as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.**
By this shall all men know that you
are my disciples, if you have
love one to another.

John 13:34-35

A Command Both Old and New

LOVE
GOD

Do not worship
any other gods
Do not make
any idols

Do not misuse
God's name
Keep the
sabbath

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Keep the
sabbath holy

Honour your
father & mother
Do not murder
Do not commit
adultery
Do not steal
Do not lie
Do not covet

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Jeremiah 31:33

Commands are for spiritual children

*I am writing to you, little children because
(teknon)
Your sins have been forgiven You for
His name's sake. 1 John 2:12*

*"I write to you, little children (paideia),
because you have known the Father."*

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2. Love is Obedience to His Counsel

1 John 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

Are You
WALKING
in the Counsel of God?



Counsel is for spiritual adults

*“I write to you, young men,
because you have overcome
the wicked one.” 1 John 2:13b*

*“I have written to you, young
men, because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in
you, and you have overcome
the wicked one.” 1 John 2:14b*



***"⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."** 1 John 2:9-11*



3. Love is Obedience to Christ

1 John 2:6 (NKJV)

⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.



Christlikeness is for Spiritual Parents

*"I write to you, fathers,
because you have known
Him who is from the
beginning." 1 John 2:13a*

*"I write to you, fathers,
because you have known
Him who is from the
beginning." 1 John 2:14a*



True Love is Obedience to:

1. Commands of Christ

CHILD

2. Counsel of Christ

ADULT

3. Christ Himself

PARENT

**Our level of love is seen in our actions
of obedience to Christ.**

