

- I. What Is Perfect Love?**
 - A. Perfect love is not a “second blessing” that enables us to love perfectly all of the time.**
 - B. As followers of Jesus we are saved from the penalty and power of sin, but we are not yet perfect.**
 - C. The blessing of perfection will not occur until we see Jesus face to face (see 1 John 3:2 and 1 Cor. 13:9,10).**
 - D. While we don’t love perfectly all of the time, perfect love should dominate our lives.**
 - E. Jesus defines perfect love in Luke 10:27 – perfect love is all-out love; it’s put everything you’ve got into it love.**
 - F. We love perfectly by allowing the indwelling Holy Spirit to control our lives.**
 - G. A life of perfect love is a Spirit-filled life; a life of perfect love is a Christ-like life.**
- II. What Happens When Perfect Love Dominates Our Life?**
 - A. We will have confidence on judgment day (v.17).**
 - 1. All believers will be judged by Jesus (2 Cor. 5:10)**
 - 2. This judgment will NOT affect our eternal destiny.**
 - 3. The purpose of this judgment is to examine our works as believers: Jesus will deal with our unconfessed sin and reward our faithful service.**
 - B. We will live a fearless life (v.18).**
 - 1. People fear because they believe their action will result in some type of penalty or injury.**
 - 2. There’s good fear and there’s unnecessary fear.**
 - 3. As we grow in our love for God, we begin to understand Rom. 8:28 and unnecessary fear is expelled from our life.**
 - C. Our perfect love will be evident to others (v.19-21).**
 - 1. God is the source of perfect love.**
 - 2. The Holy Spirit enables us to love perfectly.**
 - 3. No one can love God and hate (a continuous hatred with no desire or intent to repent) people.**
 - 4. The key to loving people is loving God; when we love God the way we should, we will love people the way we should.**
 - 5. Our love for people proves that we are followers of Jesus (John 13:34,35).**