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# 1 JOHN: LIGHT AND LOVE

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## Lost Love

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1 John 2:12-17

### Spiritual Maturity (1 John 2:12-14)

1. Children (new converts):
  - Know God and know forgiveness
2. Father (spiritually mature):
  - Fellowship / Relationship with Jesus
3. Young Men (making progress ⇌ maturity):
  - Spiritual Victory through the living Word of God

### My Love (1 John 2:15-17)

1. Above everything...Love God
2. Avoid temptation
  - Lust of the Eyes: something that attracts my attention, so much so that I have to have it.
  - Lust of the Flesh: something that satisfies my natural fleshy desire.
  - Boastful Pride of Life: The belief that I really do deserve the best in life. That I am number one. That I am as smart as, as gifted as, as wise as God himself.
3. Demonstrate your love with obedience

My love for the world will not last;  
but my love for God is eternal.

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## Going Deeper

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We encourage you to get into God's word this week. Below is a daily reading plan to help you read the Bible each day and learn more about today's message. This short investment of time will pay off huge dividends in your knowledge of God's Word and your relationship with God.

Below each reading is a question or two to reflect on throughout your day. If you are journaling you can write down your response and whatever else you got out of it (e.g. what the Holy Spirit is telling you).

### Day 1: 1 John 2:12-17

- Reviewing the sermon text, what change do you need to make this week? What stands out to you to implement this week?

### Day 2: Mark 12:28-34

- Pastor John referenced The Greatest Commandment in his message, how much do you love God? Is it showing in your actions? Can others see your love for God?

### Day 3: Psalms 73

- "It is good to be near God" says the Psalmist. Is that true of you? As this Psalm reflects, do you envy the success of 'worldly' people or is God your real desire?

### Day 4: Romans 12:1-2

- How is worship described here? What are you doing to renew your mind with Godly things? Who/What are you conforming to?

### Day 5: Colossians 3:1-11

- What are your real desires? What do you set your mind on? Looking back at your life, how has God changed you ("new self")?

### Day 6: John 17:6-19

- We are in the world but not of the world. What does that mean for you? What parts of you are of the world and what parts are of God? Is God's Word having an impact on how you live?

### Day 7: Luke 9:23-26

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