

**1 John 3.13-24**  
**Confidence in Prayer**  
**Through True Love**

# Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## 1 John 3.13

Do not marvel, my brethren, if  
the world hates you.

## 1 John 3.14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.

## 1 John 3.15

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

## 1 John 3.16

By this we know love,  
because He laid down His life  
for us. And we also ought to  
lay down *our* lives for the  
brethren.

## 1 John 3.17

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

## 1 John 3.18

**My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.**



## 1 John 3.19

**And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.**

## 1 John 3.20

For if our heart condemns us,  
God is greater than our heart,  
and knows all things.

## 1 John 3.21

Beloved, if our heart does not  
condemn us, we have  
confidence toward God.

## 1 John 3.22

And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

## 1 John 3.23

**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.**

## 1 John 3.24

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

**Questions?**  
**Comments?**