

# The First Epistle of John: How Do We know That we know?

# Review



- Context
- 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of the 3 tests/hallmarks
  - Doctrinal
  - Moral
  - Social
- 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle
  - Doctrinal – 1 John 2: 15-27

# Second Moral Test: 1 John 2:28-3:10a



- **A response to the Father's love**
  - Present reality - they have been born of God
  - Future hope – they will be like Jesus when he returns
  - Live now – “Become in Christ who you are in Christ?”
- **Who's your Daddy?**
  - God?
    - ✦ Practice righteousness/purify themselves
  - The Devil?
    - ✦ Lawlessness (anomia)

# Second Social Test: 1John 3: 10b-24



- A response to the Father's love
  - From the beginning: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” John 13: 34
- Who's your Daddy?
  - The Devil?
    - ✦ Hate one another – from life to death
  - God?
    - ✦ Love one another - from death to life

# Words of Assurance: 1John 3:19-24



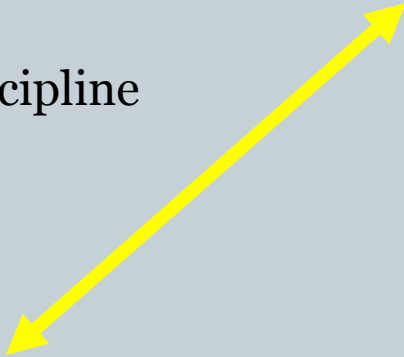
- Our hearts condemn us
  - our guilt – legitimate or illegitimate?
- Reassurance – God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything
- Confidence before God in prayer

# The Three Tests: Representative Tensions

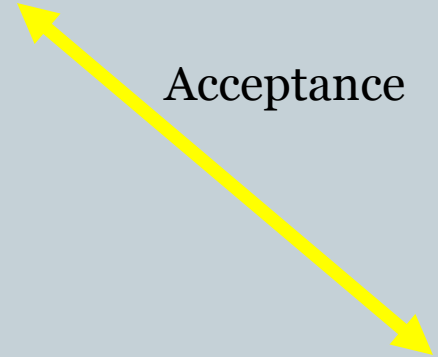


Doctrine/Belief

Discipline



Acceptance



Moral/Behavior



Social/Love

Restoration