

## John's Epistles: A Visible Love

Introduction

### I. Date, Background & Purpose

### II. Tests of True Faith

1. Content of our belief
2. Quality of our obedience
3. Character of our love

### III. Conclusion

## Core Seminars New Testament Overview *Week 10*



## The Love of the Kingdom Philippians & 1, 2, 3 John

### Introduction

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

### Philippians: A Christ-like Love

#### I. Date

#### II. Background

A. The City of Philippi

B. The Church at Philippi

### **III. Purpose: Four practical reasons**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **IV. Outline**

1. **Chapter 1: Greetings and Prayer**  
“that our love might abound...”
2. **Chapter 2: “in Christ-like imitation;”**
3. **Chapter 3: “that is, in humility, perseverance...”**
4. **Chapter 4: “and in contented joy.”**

### **V. Major Themes**

- A. A love that grows in the imitation of Christ  
(1:9-11, 27-30; 2:5-11)
  - Paul’s prayers as a model for our own. (1:9)
- B. A love marked by humility (2:1-11)
- C. A love marked by perseverance (3:7-14)
- D. A love marked by contented joy (2:1-2; 4:10-13)