

INTRODUCTION

1. 2Th 3:1-5 Reliance on the Lord's reliability. Prv 20:6; 25:19
2. *Faithful & confidence?* - recite Covenant of Membership: swear vows: trust

1st: God's Covenant Love

1. 1Jn 4:7-8 We are to love each other w/ God's love for us - Eph 5:1-2
2. God's love is covenantal: promises made & promises kept. Ps 110:4; 2C 1:20; Jesus is our covenant mediator. Amen? Lk 22:20 - Lord's Table
3. Our Bible is covenantal.

2nd: Our Covenant Love

1. We love w/ the love w/ wh/ we are loved as we learn to love as Jesus loves: covenant love. Jn 13:34-35
2. Love & #13: Rm 13:8-10 - obeys Law; 1C 13:4-7 - patient & kind; Jn 13:34-35 - self sacrificial - *as I have loved you.*
3. Our love for each other is evidence of our life - 1Pt 1:22-23.

Applic #1: Our Confidence is in our Lord

1. 2Thes 3:3-5 be confident that the Lord is faithful
2. Can we trust the Lord? Let us love in words & deeds.

Applic #2: Our Confidence in Each Other

1. We are asking each other to trust one another - that *we are doing & will continue to do what the apostle commands.*
2. Prv 20:6 *Many a man proclaims his own loyalty but who can find a trustworthy man?* I have confidence in the Lord concerning you - 1Jn 3:18