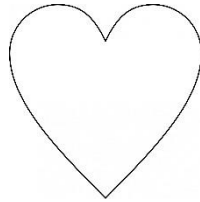


1 John 3:18-3:24a (A heart at peace)

[16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?] 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he commanded us. 24a Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him.



Our heart condemns us

Our heart does not condemn us

We need to set our heart at peace

Step 1: Remember who is Judge

Step 2: Look for evidence

Step 3:

(a) If we find evidence:

(b) If we don't find evidence:

Our hearts no longer condemn us

Confidence before God

Granted prayer

The fruit of love is confidence.

The fruit of confidence is answered prayer.