

## **'Perfect Love'**

(1 John 4:16b-5:3)

### 1 John 4:16b-5:3 (NIV)

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome

*The Thrush, the Cowbird, and the Meaning of Love*

*We can know, experience, and give perfect love – through Christ.*

The **COMMAND** to love  
The **GIFT** of love  
The **ABILITY** to love

*The COMMAND to love (4:21)*

*Look at \_\_\_\_\_ – and what love is*

*'\_\_\_\_\_ -love' and '\_\_\_\_\_ -love'*

*The GIFT of love (4:10, 4:16-18)*

*Look at \_\_\_\_\_ – love offered*

*Agape and \_\_\_\_\_*

*The ABILITY to love (4:13, 5:2-3)*

*Let the \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ lead you*

*Confidence in Christ*

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