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(802-11) 1 John 3:18–24

Love in deed and in truth.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

**Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.**

**Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the
truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts and knows
everything.**

**Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments and do
what pleases him.**

**And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus
Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments remain in him,
and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit that he gave us.**

The word of the Lord.