1 John 4:17-21
"Perfect Love"

1. Introduction
   a. Context: 1 John 4:12-16
      - seeing God in love
   b. Believe God's love
   c. Know God's love
   d. God gives His Spirit to Christian
   e. Perfect love has 3 characteristics

2. Perfect Love - Assuring Love
   a. In day of judgment
      - assured place of love in final days of reward & judgment
      - have boldness standing in Christ
   b. Two seats of judgment
      - Judgment Seat of Christ
         * Bema Seat for Christians
         * for rewards, winners of the race
         * 2 Cor 5:9-10 for earthly life
         * 1 Cor 3:12-15 all work tested
      = Great White Throne
         * Rev 20:11-15 books were opened
         * All humans judged according to their works
         * Mt 12:36-37 every word judged
   c. Knowing your future - position in Christ
      - example: receiving your grade for a school class
      - keeping eternity in mind
      - Jesus knows Christian - Jn 10:27
      - Christian hears Jesus voice
      - Jesus already carried sin judgment at the cross
      - Eph 1:6 'accepted in the Beloved
         * identification in Christ

3. Perfect Love - Fearless Love
   a. No fear in love - fearless
      - without fear
      - God removes fear
      - abused spouses are living in fear - this is not love

3b. God does not give Spirit of
    fear
    - 2 Tim 1:7 God's Spirit of sound mind
 c. Love replaces fear
 d. Love brings completion
 e. Love experienced in your emotions
    - judging love by actions
4. Perfect Love - Responsive Love
   a. First response - Christian loves God
      - God loved people first   Rom 5:8
        * while we were yet sinners -
   b. * Christian motivation
      - 1 Cor 5:14-15 God's love compels
        Christian
        * living for Jesus
      - Christian loves God
      - look at your own motivation
      - motivation matters
   c. Christian loves others
      - hating others? person a liar
      - you love person who you can see
        * proof of how you love God
        * your actions show your love

   d. Consistency in your love
      - Jn 13:33-35 love one another
      - love all people
        * not only with people like us
      - get out of your comfort zone
        * love all people