

An Antidote for Idolatry
1 John 4:9-19
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Introduction

Antidote - "A substance that **COUNTERACTS** the effects of **POISON.**" -Webster

You Might think your a Redneck:

Dr. Paige Patterson, Pres. SWBTS @! Davis College this week, preach on Psalm 19:

10 They are more precious than gold,
 than much pure gold;
 they are sweeter than honey,
 than honey from the comb.

11 By them is your servant warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors?
 Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
 may they not rule over me.
 Then will I be blameless,
 innocent of great transgression.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be pleasing in your sight,
 O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Secret Sins - Sins we don't know about
Presumptuous Sins - Sins we do, knowing we shouldn't

The Word of God lists "seven deadly sins:

Pride

Envy

Gluttony

Anger

Greed

Sloth

Lust --- "Slaying the Lust Dragon" CD

The Prodigal God - Chapter 4 - "Redefining Lostness"

"The Older Brother became angry and refused to go in"

You Might think your an Older Brother-Type IF:

- 1) - you become angry - that things don't go your way
 - you don't deserve this
 - inability to handle suffering
 - control the environment
 - expect your 'goodness' to pay off
 - you think you are owed more than your getting

"This resentment is your own fault" - Keller

- 2) you have a strong sense of superiority
 - competitive Comparison - own sense of significance
 - self-righteous - in doctrine, in worship style, in ethics
 - unforgiving - Judgmental

"You are trapped by your own bitterness"

- 3) you have a joyless, fear-based compliance
 - Radical self-centeredness of the human heart
 - Underneath the seemingly Unselfishness - is a great self-centeredness
 - Emotional frustration and Inner boredom
 - Lack of assurance in the Father's Love
 - God's power has little power in your life
 - Dry Prayer Life

You might be an Older-Brother-Type:

IT'S HARD LOOKING IN THE MIRROR, ISN'T IT? BUT WE MUST, IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANY SUCCESS IN COUNTERING THE POISON THAT HAS INFECTED THE HUMAN HEART:

WE MUST COME TO THE PLACE IN OUR LIFE WHERE WE SEE THAT WITH THESE SUTLE TWISTS IN OUR ATTITUDES, WE ARE ALIENATING OURSELVES FROM GOD.

These expressions of our heart are just as sinful, just as dangerous as the reckless living of our 'younger brother-types.

The GOOD NEWS --- God has provided an Antidote for this poison, this cancer raging in our system. Let's look at our Text:

1 John 4:9-19 and get this thing fixed, so when we start the New Testament in 90 Days
--- We can Hear God's Word, Hear God's Voice:

I. God's **LOVE** Has Been **PERFORMED**.

A. Through **JESUS CHRIST** v.10

B. In **US** v.11

Dr. Woodroll Kroll, Back to the Bible:

“We Proclaim Christ because of the Uniqueness of His:”

BIRTH

DEATH

RESURRECTION

:> God's Love is on Display!

II. God's LOVE Has Been **PLACED**;

A. Through the **HOLY SPIRIT** v.12

B. In **US** v.12/13/15/16

Dr. Paige Patterson, Pres. S.W Bapt. Theo. Sem

“To **DWELL** Means to **PITCH** your **TENT**.

Bedohins in desert between Jerusalem and Jericho.

III. God's **LOVE** Has Been **PERFECTED**

Word Study: **“PERFECTED”** in the perfect tense which means it is an action that is **COMPLETE** in the **PAST** and needs **NOT** to be **REPEATED**

Definition: “**ADD** to what is **WANTING** in order to render a thing **FULL**”

A. To Make Us **COMPLETE** v.12/17

Bill Hybels - “Just Walk Across the Room“ ”Jesus makes up the difference

B. To Make Us **BOLD** v.17

1. Without **FEAR** Perfect LOVE cast out FEAR v.18

2. Without **TORMENT** means PUNISHMENT

Conclusion; Our Response:

-- We **LOVE**

--- Because God **LOVED US** v.19

---- With **BOLDNESS**

----- With **PASSION**

FEARLESS, ABANDONMENT, RECKLESS, EXTRAVAGANT

PASSION

Not passion for our

Preferences, ideals, our theories, our style,

Passion for Jesus Christ

Passion for Life

Passion for God’s love for the masses, the lost, your neighbor, co-worker, family member

Where will they spend eternity? Heaven or Hell?

Passion for India - the 1.2 billion people of India in the Lostness of the Human Soul

Passion for Haiti - in the oppression of Evil

Passion for Alaska - those kids in the darkness of a Life without Christ

Passion for Burlington Flats - surrounded by people lost in the empty pursuit of the wind.

What about your family

You have the Words of Life
You have the remedy for their aching soul
You have the ANTIDOTE for the poison that is filling their lives.

You are the expression of God's LOVE to the hurting
Give It
Show it off
Share It
Announce It
Proclaim It

God's LOVE is PERFECTED in US

A commentator wrote: "God has lodged the image and fruit of His Spirit in our hearts"
His Spirit of Power
His Spirit of Zeal
His Spirit to see GOD HUGE IN OUR LIVES

This love KINDLES a love for others:"

I John 4 tells us our
Confession - Jesus Christ
Communion - God in Us, Us in God
Commission - To Love One Another

With reckless, extravagance break out of the defensive hording position of the Older brother and LIVE LIFE ABUNDANTLY

DO IT
BREAK OUT TODAY
Oh, that you would be out of control with
God's great grace
Abundant mercy and
Amazing Love

Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God, Saviour of the World:

"I AM the **WAY**
I AM the **TRUTH**
I AM the **LIFE**"