

# 1 John 3.13-4.6 *Confident before deception*

*We receive eternal life by believing in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God (John 20.31-31). However, our confidence in this is tested by the world and the presence of sin and temptation together with the presence and influence of false teachers and teaching. John writes this letter to bolster our confidence in eternal life through faith in Jesus (1 John 5:13)*

## *Getting started*

*When do you feel most like the world is against you as a follower of Jesus?*

## **Read 1 John 3.12-24**

1. What should not surprise us? Why?
2. What are the three things we should know? And, why do they give us assurance?
3. Why is the hate of the world so different to the love of Jesus?
4. Consider verse 19? How does the message of the gospel and our obedience lead to rest?

## **Read 1 John 4.1-6**

5. What are the two commands on 4.1, and why does John give them?
6. What is the test that shows whether a spirit is from God or is of the antichrist? *(NB: as in earlier studies don't get distracted by antichrist, here in 1 John it is simply people opposed to Jesus)*

7. What assurance does the contrast of God and the world in 4.4-6 give us?

8. Why should we listen to the words of the apostles? What have they witnessed that gives them authority?

9. Why is this good for us?

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10. Reflect on the whole passage. List some ways in which we can actively demonstrate love for others.

***Pray together.***