**All You Need Is Love**

**I John 2: 1-6; 4: 9-17**

**2 1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3Now by this we know that we have come to know him, if we obey his commandments. 4Whoever says, “I have come to know him,” but does not obey his commandments is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; 5but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we know that we are in him: 6whoever says, “I abide in him,” ought to walk in the same way as he walked.**

**4 9God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

**13By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.**

**I. Terms to Know**

**advocate** - someone who pleads your case; Jesus is our advocate with God the Father.

**atoning sacrifice** - to compensate or pay for something. Jesus Christ's Atonement references His payment for the sins of mankind.

**abide in Him** - o stay close to Jesus, so you can be confident and not ashamed when Jesus comes back.

**His love is perfected in us** - as we love each other, God's love is shown fully in our actions and lives, demonstrating His presence and character.

**confess that Jesus is the Son of God** - believing and saying that Jesus is special, God's very own child, and that God lives in us and we live in God.

**the day of judgment** - a time when we will stand before God, and those who live in love, like Jesus, will have confidence, not fear, because their love shows they truly know and belong to God.

**II. Summary**

* **In 1 John 2:1-6, John emphasizes the importance of walking in the light and avoiding sin, highlighting Jesus as our advocate and the sacrifice for our sins, and emphasizing that true knowledge of God is demonstrated through obedience.**
* **In 1 John 4:9-17, John emphasizes that God's love is manifested by sending his Son as an atoning sacrifice, and that loving one another is a sign of God's love dwelling in us, leading to confidence and boldness in facing judgment.**

**III. Questions**

**1. Who is our advocate with the Father?**

**2. How is the person who says, ‘I know Him’ and does not His commandments described?**

**3. Because of His love for us, God sent His Son for what reason?**

**4. What happens to those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God?**

**5. In conclusion, how is God described, if we know and believe that God loves us?**