



I JOHN 3:19-24 (RSV)

19 And by this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him

20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

24 All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

- Introduction question: What is the unifying theme of this passage?
- Steps of truth (each truth builds on the preceding one)