

**True Love Tells... us how to discern the true life of God
1 John 4**

What kind of community is DFBC called to be in order to do what God has called us to do?

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- I. A community of sound doctrine: Orthodoxy (right believing) 1 Jn 4:1-6.**
 - a. When unbelief is right 4:1-3.
 - b. Not of this world 4:4-6.
- II. A community of sound practice: Orthopraxy (right living) 1 Jn 4:7-14.**
 - a. The most loving and inviting community: A community of loving life-giving hospitality 4:7-9.
 - b. A community where God dwells 4:12-14.
- III. A community of sound passion: Orthopathy (right willing) 1 Jn 4:15-21.**
 - a. A community of confident biblical convictions and Christ-like affections 4:15-17.
 - b. A community where fear is defeated by love 4:18-21.

**To become who God wants us to be
We must trade our pursuit of spiritual entertainment
For the sacrificial journey of Christlike commitment.**

1. How well do you know what you believe? Are you able to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3) or is it easier to rely on the complacency or spiritual ignorance?
2. Is your life aligned with your confession of faith? Where does God want you to grow to make sure your life reflects his truth?
3. How do you resist the apathy of this world to keep passionate about your commitment to Jesus Christ?