

Saddle Up Anyway
1 John 3:13-18 & 4:14-18

John Wayne said, “_____ is being scared to death, but _____
_____.” But how do we triumph over fear? How do we
saddle up anyway? John revealed the secret for us in his 1st epistle.

From John’s perspective, _____ is a hallmark of the world...a
sign that God’s love in Christ is not controlling and shaping the life
of an individual. For believers in Christ, however, the clearest sign
that we are truly Christian is that we _____.

This text mentions 2 signs of genuine faith. One is the confession
that Jesus is God’s _____. But John knew that a person could say,
“Jesus is the Son of God,” but not mean it and not _____ it. So, a
surer way of demonstrating genuine faith is _____ one another.

The Bible uses the language of _____ to inspire love among
believers. This language is neither _____ nor incidental.
When we come to Christ, we are born into the family of God. We
must each do our part to ensure that our “family” avoids becoming
_____.

The Bible makes it clear that goal #1 for followers of Christ is to
love one another and to create a _____ where love and
grace are found in abundance for all members of our family. Only
by demonstrating true love toward one another can we present a
_____ gospel to the world.

Something else happens when we live out God’s love for us by
loving one another. Love enables us to _____.

Jesus triumphed over fear, _____ our world as a baby in
Bethlehem, and _____ the cross because He knew the Father’s
love and He loved you and me more than His own life. Jesus calls
us who know God’s love, to love one another, even love our
enemies. The world is a _____ place and even many Christians
are _____.
_____ Loving others won’t be easy. Let’s
_____!