ASSURANCES
The Gold Standard
1 John 4
(NIV)

3 TRUTHS ABOUT GOD’S GOLD STANDARD:

1. God Sets the Standard for What ______ Is

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us...” 1 John 4:10

How God Revealed the Gold Standard:

“This is how God showed his love among us...” 1 John 4:9

• Real love is a __________________________ love

“... He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him... he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:9-10

“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.” Matthew 26:39

• God also sets the standard for love by __________________________

“God demonstrates his own for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

2. Love Sets the Standard for What the ___________ Is

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

“... Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

“Whoever does not love does not know God...” 1 John 4:8

“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar...” 1 John 4:20

“... If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:12

“... Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16

“If I speak with the tongues of men and angels... If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-2

“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.” 1 John 4:20

“... Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” 1 John 4:21

“The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You’ve got to love both.” 1 John 4:21 (The Message)

“My dear children, let’s not just talk about love; let’s practice real love.” 1 John 3:18 (The Message)

3. We Need to Set the Standard for the __________ ___ ____

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

“God so loved that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35