

April 22, 2018: *4th Sunday of Easter*

THIS

 What do I need to know in order to understand what this part of the Bible is about?

// Why do you think this Epistle lesson is paired with the Gospel lesson, John 10:11-18 (Jesus says He is the Good Shepherd)?

 How does the message of today's text influence my living?

NEXT WEEK:

Loving One Another

1 Jn 4:17-21; cf. John 15:1-8

1 John 3:16-24

This:

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.