## **Three assertions Christians Make**

## <u>1 John 4:7-21</u>

Boy scouts – "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country."

There are some assertions that Christians should make.

Christianity is seen as a bunch of don'ts. 10 commandments Do not do this! Thou shalt nots Sometimes we base our Christian service on what we do not do.

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What do you do?

A Christian will assert "ON my honor I will do my best to love God,

To love the church and love people.

I Love God

"Enoch walked with God; and he was not for God took him."

"Whoever does not love does not know God"

"We love Him because he loved us first."

Psalm 103 "Bless the Lord, o my soul and all that is with me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord o my soul. And forget not all His benefit."

I love God – I will be interested in what he says – I will worshop Him in spirit and truth – I will walk with Him in His will – I will represent him in mission – I will serve him with all my life.

## I love the Church

In pioneer areas many people drive 50 miles to attend Church.

Christ established His Church to march against Hell.

God poured His Spirit into the church – God added to the Church daily those who were being saved – God has kept the Church through centuries of persecution.

I love the Church and I will attend it, I will support it, I will defend it, I will become a part of it, and I will bear my responsibilities to it

## I love People

"Let us love one another for love is of God"

"If God loved us, we ought also to love one another"

If God says 'I LOVE GOD, and hates his brother, he is a liar.

"This commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God, also loves his brother

The Pharisee says I love God but I hate my brother

Love translates into action: I will seek fellowship with God's people

I will seek to meet the needs of people around me

I will seek to reconcile people to God

John 3:18 "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue,

But in deed and truth."

On my honor as a christian I willdo my best to love God, love the church, and to love people; not in word but deed and truth.

Challenge this week, Love God, Love church, and love people.