

Conflicted

1 John 4:1-21

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Our expectations of God and our experiences with God don't always line up and as a result we can find ourselves "conflicted".

- I. Why would anybody reject Jesus? (1-6)
 - A. Some reject His deity.
 - B. Some reject His humanity
 - C. Some reject His reality

- II. Why is it so hard to love people? (7-12)
 - A. Even though we know love marks us as Christians
 - B. Even though we know love is why God sent Jesus
 - C. Even though we know love is commanded of us

- III. Why is it so hard to live for Jesus? (13-21)
 - A. We have His Spirit
 - B. We know the Savior
 - C. We need not fear

What Now?

- We have no right to demand that God do things the way that we would do them.
- We have no right to judge God's goodness and love by our limited understanding.
- When we find ourselves "conflicted" we need to choose to trust God completely.

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT)

But, my friend, I ask, "Who do you think you are to question God? Does the clay have the right to ask the potter why he shaped it the way he did? Doesn't a potter have the right to make a fancy bowl and a plain bowl out of the same lump of clay?" (Romans 9:20-21 CEV)