

The Christian's Foundation: *Love and Truth.*

Lesson 6: Saints Are to Love One Another:

1 John 3:11 - 24

INTRODUCTION:

In the first two chapters of 1 John, we discovered six truths. These truths were:

- The First Truth: The Word of Life – The Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Second Truth: God is Light – We are to Walk in that Light.
- The Third Truth: Christ Keeps the Saints.
- The Fourth Truth: The Saint is to Keep His Commandments.
- The Fifth Truth: The Saint is to Not Love the World.
- The Sixth Truth: Antichrists will be in the World.

In the last two verses of 1 John 2 and the first ten verses of 1 John 3, we saw taught the Proper Behavior of the Saint, which was an expansion upon the Fourth Truth of 1 John. Now in the latter half of 1 John 3, we will see the teaching of the Eighth Truth of 1 John: The Saints are to Love Another.

I. The _____ Truth: The _____ are to _____ One Another: Verse 11.

Verse 11: "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

1 John 2:10; John 13:34 – 35; John 15:12; Romans 12:10; Galatians 5:13; 1 Thessalonians 3:12.

II. The World _____ the Saint and The Saint _____ His Brother: Verses 12 – 15.

Verses 12 – 16: "(12) Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. (13) Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. (14) We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (15) Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

A. _____ Example of _____ : Verse 12. Genesis 4:3 – 8.

**B. The _____ Will _____ the Saint: Verse 13.
John 15:18 – 21; John 17:14 – 16; 1 Corinthians 2:6 – 8.**

C. Love of the Saints is _____ of our _____ :
Verse 14. *2 Corinthians 5:17; John 21:15.*

D. _____ of the Saints is _____ with being a Saint:
Verse 15. *1 John 2:9 - 11.*

III. The _____ of Loving Our Brother: Verses 16 - 21.

Verses 16 - 21: "(16) Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (17) But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (18) My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. (19) And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. (20) For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. (21) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

A. The _____ of Loving the Saints by the
_____ : Verse 16. *John 10:15;
John 10:17 - 18; John 15:12 - 13.*

B. _____ our Love for the Saints by _____ his Needs:
Verses 17 - 19. *Luke 11:5 - 8; James 2:14 - 17.*

C. _____ is Present if we _____ our Love
for the Saints: Verses 20 - 21.

IV. Loving our Brother is the Primary _____ of _____ : Verses 22 - 24.

Verses 22 - 24: "(22) And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. (23) And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. (24) And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."

A. _____ to the _____ of the Lord Jesus
Christ: Verse 22,24. *John 14:15; John 14:21; John 14:23;
James 4:3.*

**B. Two _____ Commandments of the _____
_____ : Verse 23.**

CONCLUSION and APPLICATIONS:

- The Seventh Truth: The Saints Are to Love One Another.
- Cain's hatred of Abel was the exact opposite of the love the saints are to have one for another.
- The world will hate the saint because of his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Showing love for our fellowship saint, is the greatest evidence of our salvation that we can show to the world.
- Having hatred for a fellow saint is totally incompatible with Biblical Christianity and is impossible for the saint who is in proper fellowship with God.
- The Lord Jesus Christ showed His love for us by the death on the cross for our sins.
- The Lord Jesus Christ was not executed or killed. He gave his life freely and then took it up again at His resurrection.
- We can show our love for our fellow saint by providing for his needs even at the most inconvenient of times. After all God gave us the means to provide for him.
- If we do not show proper love for our fellow saint, we will come under conviction for that lack of love.
- If we do show proper love, then we will have peace in our heart.
- Being obedient to the commands of Christ is necessary for God to give us what we ask for.
- We should only ask for what is good for us, and not to satisfy the lust of the old nature.

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