

HATERS GONNA HATE BUT Y'ALL LOVE ONE ANOTHER

I. 1 John 3:10-24

A. As we continue in First John this morning, our first verse will be the last verse from a week ago. John will hit on subjects today that he addressed in previous chapters. This apostle pounds his points. He pounds them because they are so vital. First John is no minor epistle. The only people who would dare to brush these passages aside are nominal Christians, if such an animal actually exists.

B. Jack Gorham might quip, "*Baby, this whole Christian thing is one serious gig!*" He'd be spot on! John shreds the notion that being a genuine Christian is merely making a weightless profession. James said, "*Even the demons believe and shudder!*" Becoming a true Christian begins with regeneration and that is initiated by God. (Just ask Saul of Tarsus.) When God makes a dead man alive, repentance and faith will follow. And this will be a faith with substance, a faith unto obedience. This will be a faith characterized by vertical and horizontal love that we first saw in Jesus. If you don't believe me, listen closely to John's text today...

C. 1 John 3:10-24 (ESV) as we continue mining more golden nuggets...

1) **V10: 10** *By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. (Your emancipation and adoption were purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, **The Righteous One**. That should lead to something more than wearing a cross or putting a fish emblem on your car! Being named and numbered among the children of God should be something so visible that people will either be repulsed by your change of behavior or it will prompt them to ask you what in heaven's name is going on!)*

2) **V11: 11** *For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (From the beginning they've heard this message from the Apostles, especially from this disciple whom Jesus loved. So where'd these brothers first hear it? **John 13:34-35** (ESV) is at the Last Supper: **34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. **John 15:9-17** (ESV) at the same place: **9** As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. **11** These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. **14** You are My friends if you do what I command you. **15** No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. **17** These things I command you, so that you will love one another.)*

3) **V12: 12** *We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. (Cain & Abel were sons of Adam & Eve. Their story's in Genesis 4. Both were farmers. Cain worked the soil and Abel raised sheep. Each brought a sacrifice to God: Cain brought produce while Abel brought the prized firstborn of his flock. God was pleased with Abel's offering but not with Cain's. So Cain lured his brother to a field and killed him out of resentment and jealousy. This was the first recorded murder. When God asked Cain where Abel was, he said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" A curse came upon Cain and he's always referred to infamously. John says there's no place for such hatred among God's children.*

4) **In the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:21-22** (AMP) **Jesus says: 21** *You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not murder,' and 'Whoever murders shall be guilty before the court.'* **22** *But I say to you that everyone who continues to be angry with his brother or harbors malice against him shall be guilty before the court; and whoever speaks [contemptuously and insultingly] to his brother, 'Raca (You empty-headed idiot)!' shall be guilty before the supreme court (Sanhedrin); and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of the fiery hell. (Haters gonna hate but let's not be haters!)*

5) **V13: 13** *Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. (Back to the Last Supper, **John 15:18-27** (ESV) **Jesus warns: 18** If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (100 million Christians currently face persecution around the globe!) **20** Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will also keep yours. **21** But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know Him who sent Me. **22** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. **23** Whoever hates Me hates My Father also. **24** If I had not done among them the works that no one*

else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father. **John 16:1-3 (ESV) is in the same setting:** **1** I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. **2** They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. **3** And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me.)

6) V14-16: 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. **15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. **16** By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. (What's behind God calling a dead man to life? Love! An unimaginable form of love called **Agape/Agapao**. It's characterized by selflessness. It manifests with actions. It's undeserved. It's committed to the highest good of another. There are other types of love but none of them compare to this. This kind of love prompted the Father to send His Son. This type of love prompted the Son to crawl upon the cross for you. This type of love demonstrates that a person has truly been called from death to life. It comes flowing down then it explodes upward & outward with transformational force. John wants us all to have it!)

7) V17-18: 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? **18** Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (You may try to love someone with gushy words, warm fuzzy sentiments, syrupy platitudes. We used to call that, *sloppy agape*. But true Agape/Agapao has depth and substance. It's the kind Jesus modeled for us every time He acted on behalf of others. When John refers to love and hate in these chapters, he's not talking about emotions, but rather attitudes that lead to actions. Remember that great parable: So you're lying on the side of the road, robbed, bleeding and dying, who do you want to drop by--the priest, the levite, or the Good Samaritan? * When the shooting at the school in Parkland, Florida started, an armed deputy arrived but chose not enter the school and face the assailant. Meanwhile an unarmed coach placed himself between the shooter and the students to save as many as he could. He absorbed many bullets gave up his life to save others. "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends."

8) V19-22: 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; **20** for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. **21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; **22** and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. (**Romans 8:1** reminds us: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Christ absorbed God's wrath for us, justice was met, our condemnation erased. Love did that! It's possible to be in such a state of fellowship with our Lord, a place where love and forgiveness have so overtaken us that our faith leaps to obedience, our hearts race to please Him, and we're so given over to God that when we ask for something, with pure and unselfish motives, He generously and graciously grants it. How many of you would like to be in that place constantly?!)

9) V23-24: These next two verses shuck John's message down to the cob. Pete Hoover would like this kind simple summary. He often makes similar sermon summations as he leaves on Sundays. Listen to the Great Commandment phrased a little differently.: **23** And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. **24** Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

* Close with Prayer...

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[1 John 3:10-24 \(ESV\)](#)

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John 15:18-25 (ESV)

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John 16:1-3 (ESV)

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Film Clips & Other Links

Why the World Hates Christians - Sermon by John MacArthur (Part 1)

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/43-85/why-the-world-hates-christians-part-1>

Why the World Hates Christians - Sermon by John MacArthur (Part 2)

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/43-86/why-the-world-hates-christians-part-2>

Millersport Covenant Church Sermon Podcasts (MP3s on iTunes)

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Bonus Stuff

Genesis 4:1-26 (ESV)

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." **2** And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. **3** In

the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, **4** and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, **5** but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. **6** The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." **8** Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. **9** Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" **10** And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. **11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." **13** Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. **14** Behold, You have driven me today away from the ground, and from Your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." **15** Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. **16** Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. **17** Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. **18** To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. **19** And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. **20** Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. **21** His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. **22** Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. **23** Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. **24** If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold." **25** And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." **26** To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.

Hebrews 11:4 (ESV)

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

Romans 12:9-13 (AMP)

9 Love is to be sincere and active [the real thing—without guile and hypocrisy]. Hate what is evil [detest all ungodliness, do not tolerate wickedness]; hold on tightly to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another with [authentic] brotherly affection [as members of one family], give preference to one another in honor; **11** never lagging behind in diligence; aglow in the Spirit, enthusiastically serving the Lord; **12** constantly rejoicing in hope [because of our confidence in Christ], steadfast and patient in distress, devoted to prayer [continually seeking wisdom, guidance, and strength], **13** contributing to the needs of God's people, pursuing [the practice of] hospitality.

Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 Peter 4:8-10 (NIV)

8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **9** Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. **10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Quote by John Stott

"A person's life is his most precious possession. Consequently, to rob him of it is the greatest sin we can commit against him, while to give one's own life on his behalf is the greatest possible expression of love for him. This, then, is the ultimate contrast: Cain's hatred issued in murder, Christ's love (issued) in self-sacrifice."

Quote by Tim Keller

"The Cross is not simply a lovely example of sacrificial love. Throwing your life away needlessly is not admirable — it is wrong. Jesus' death was only a good example if it was more than an example, if it was something absolutely necessary to rescue us. And it was. Why did Jesus have to die in order to forgive us? There was a debt to be paid — God Himself paid it. There was a penalty to be born — God Himself bore it. Forgiveness is always a form of costly suffering."

Quote by John Piper

"Why don't people ask us about our hope? The answer is probably that we look as if we hope in the same things they do. Our lives don't look like they are on the Calvary road, stripped down for sacrificial love, serving others with the sweet assurance that we don't need to be rewarded in this life."

The Facts of Love in 1 John

The NKJV Study Bible

In five short chapters, John uses different forms of the word love 46 times. He wanted to teach his readers the importance of love in the Christian walk.

Principle

- * Keeping God's Word is the proof that we love God.
- * When we love our brother, we will live without stumbling.
- * We are not to love the world or the things in the world.
- * We cannot love the world and love God also.
- * God's love prompted Him to make us His children through the death of His Son.
- * Loving other believers is a fundamental requirement of the Christian life.
- * A failure to love other Christians raises serious questions about the genuineness of our faith.
- * Genuine love always results in action--not merely sentimental words.
- * God is the source of all love.
- * Mature love does not produce fear but instead imparts courage.
- * Long before we loved God, He loved us first.

Passage

2:5; 5:2, 3
2:10
2:15
2:15
3:1, 16; 4:9-11
3:11, 16, 23; 4:7, 11, 12
3:10, 14; 4:8, 20
3:17, 18
4:7, 16
4:17, 18
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- Theological note on First John, *The NKJV Study Bible*, Thomas Nelson, p. 2009.