

Love One Another - 1 John 3:11-24

Topics: Deed, Love, Murderer, Hate, Love, Cain, Brethren, Heart, Message, Death, Cain, Christ

Reflection Questions

A. Who is someone (in history or alive today) whose life is an example of what it means to express love like God (*agapé*) towards others?

B. Who is someone (in history or alive today) whose life is an example of what it means to express hate or to be void of compassion or empathy towards others?

Scripture: 1 John 3:11-24 NKJV

¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before

Him. ²⁰ For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

²² And whatever we ask we receive from 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 ^[d]us commandment. ²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Key Terms:

Abide(s)	Hatred
Brethren/Brother	Heart
Children	Hypocrisy
Commandments	Jesus Christ
Condemn	Love
Confidence	Murder(er)
Death	Obedience
Evil	Spirit
Eternal Life	Truth
God	We Know
	World

Lesson Outline:

- I. Reception of the Gospel (1 John 3:11-12)
 - A. Witness of the Gospel
 - B. Principal of love in the Gospel
 - C. Fellowship of those a part of the Gospel
- II. Rejection of Godly Love – (1 John 3:12-14)
 - A. Worsening of Sin
 - B. Heart of our Action
 - C. Example of irresponsible love
- III. Reflection of our Grief – (1 John 3:15-18)
 - A. Turbulence is a part of our Association
 - B. Transformation is revealed through Action

- C. Tragedy in the Application
- IV. Revelation of those Gathered... *in Christ* (1 John 3:18-24)
 - A. Love that is Shallow
 - B. Love as Sacrifice
 - C. Love as Servitude
 - D. Love that is Showcased
 - E. Love is Connected to our Supply

Exploring the Text Questions

1. What message had the readers of 1 John heard from the beginning? (3:11)

2. Why did Cain murder his brother? (3:12)

3. About what should believers not be surprised? (3:13)

4. How can a person know that he or she has passed from death to life? (3:14)

5. What is the result of hating one's brother? (3:15)

6. How do we know what love is? (3:16)

7. What question did the author ask his readers? (3:17)

8. How should Christians love? (3:18)

9. What is God greater than? (3:20)

10. What is the result of not being condemned by one's heart?
(3:21-22)

11. What is God's command? (3:23)

12. What is the result of obeying God's command? (3:24)

13. How do believers know that God lives in them? (3:24)

Understanding It Questions

14. How does the world hate believers today?

15. When have you experienced the hatred of the world?

16. What does it mean to love one's brother?

17. When do you struggle with loving other Christians?

18. How do you demonstrate your love for fellow believers?

19. Why do we struggle with loving other Christians with our material possessions?

20. Why is it easier to love with words rather than actions?

21. In what way does love result in life, and hate result in death?

Life Application Questions

22. For what fellow Christian whom you have difficulty loving will you do something kind this week?

23. How can you use your material possessions to love another believer this week?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.