



Let me start by saying thank you for downloading the following sermon notes.

I hope you find them a precious resource as you share the good news of Jesus.

Our ministry provides these notes as a free resource but in exchange I would ask that you visit ednewton.com to learn more about our ministry and how you can be involved.

Much Love!

Pastor Ed

Title: Love Wins

Text: 1 John 3:11-24

Target: Love is more than a word; it is a continuous verb.

I. A Message of Acquaintance: "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (Vs. 11)

A. Principle of Love: "heard from the beginning"

B. Priority of Love: "we should love one another."

II. A Murder because of Arrogance: "We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him?" (Vs. 12a)

A. Danger of Comparison: "Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous." (Vs. 12b)

B. Deadliness of Covetousness: "And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering but for Cain and his offering he had no regard." (Genesis 4:5)

1. Guard your Heart: "sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." (Genesis 4:7)

2. Guide your Heart: "Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)

C. Discernment in Conflict: "Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you." (Vs. 13) *Matthew 5:22-24

1. Given Grace: "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death." (Vs.14)

2. Give Grace: "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." (Vs.15)

III. A Measurement of Assistance: "By this we know love," (Vs. 16a)

A. Physical Sacrifice: "...that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." (Vs. 16b)

B. Material Supply: "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?" (Vs. 17)

C. Emotional Support: "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." (Vs. 18)

IV. A Matter of Acceptance: "By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;" (Vs. 19)

A. Conviction of the Spirit: "for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything." (Vs. 20)

B. Confidence of the Spirit: "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God." (Vs. 21)

C. Counsel of the Spirit: "and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him." (Vs. 22)

D. Comfort of the Spirit: "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." (Vs. 24)

Takeaway: If we only give grace to the deserving then it is not grace.