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SERIES ON 1-3 JOHN

# **1 John 4:8**

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# 1 John 2:7-11

**<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old command that you have had from the beginning. The old command is the word you have heard. <sup>8</sup>Yet I am writing you a new command, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup>The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother or sister is in the darkness until now.**

# 1 John 2:7-11

**<sup>10</sup>The one who loves his brother or sister remains in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. <sup>11</sup>But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**

# **1 John 3:11-18**

**<sup>11</sup>For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another, <sup>12</sup>unlike Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.**

**<sup>13</sup>Do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. The one who does not love remains in death.**

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**<sup>15</sup>Everyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.**

**<sup>16</sup>This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him – how does God's love reside in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.**

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**<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ the righteous one. <sup>2</sup>He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.**

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## John 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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**Entanglement of Love and Sacrifice**

# **1 John 4:15**

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# Full Orthodox Confession

- 1. Jesus is the Christ**
- 2. Jesus is the “unique” Son of God**
- 3. . . .that came in the flesh**
- 4. Jesus is the Savior of the world**
- 5. Jesus gave himself as the atoning sacrifice  
for the sins of the world**

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**1 John 2:5**

**5But whoever keeps his word, truly in him the love of God is made complete...**

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**John goes further still. Reciprocal Christian love means not only that God lives in us but also that his love is made complete in us. It would be hard to exaggerate the greatness of this conception. It is so daring that many commentators have been reluctant to accept it and have suggested that the genitive in his love is not subjective ('God's love') but objective ('our love for God'; cf. 2:5) or definitive ('Godlike love').**

**But the whole paragraph is concerned with God's love and we must not stagger at the majesty of this conclusion. God's love, which originates in himself (7–8) and was manifested in his Son (9–10), is made complete in his people (12).**

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