



# BEHOLD, HOW THEY LOVE

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# HOW WILL THE WORLD KNOW WE BELIEVE?

There are many things that are going on right now in the world, what separates us from the world?

# THOUGHT

Our adversary would rather us feel safe and isolated, rather than us being full of the Spirit and doing the works which God has called us to do, we are invited into a Living Hope that stands for all generations.

# JOHN 13:35

By this all people will know that you are  
My disciples: if you have love for one  
another.”

# THOUGHT

If we say we abide in Christ but don't have a demonstration of love, we are deceiving ourselves and are not living out the Christ-like character that we are called to live in. In fact, one of the signs that we are truly given over to Him is our love and the fruit that only the Spirit can produce in us.

## JOHN 15:12-17

“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

## JOHN 15:12-17

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. <sup>17</sup> This I command you, that you love one another.

# 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and *in fact* we are. For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be.



# 1 JOHN 3:1-3

We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope *set* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

# 1 JOHN 3:4-10

Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who remains in Him sins *continually*; no one who sins *continually* has seen Him or knows Him.

# 1 JOHN 3:4-10

<sup>7</sup> Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; <sup>8</sup> the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

# 1 JOHN 3:4-10

<sup>9</sup> No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin *continually*, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother *and sister*.

# 1 JOHN 3:11-12

For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we are to love one another; <sup>12</sup> not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And for what reason did he murder him? Because his *own* deeds were evil, but his brother's were righteous.

## MATTHEW 5:6

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

# 1 JOHN 3:13-22

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

## MATTHEW 10:22

“And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.



# 1 JOHN 3:13-22

<sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother or *sister* is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. <sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers *and sisters*.

# 1 JOHN 3:13-22

**17** But whoever has worldly goods and sees his brother *or sister* in need, and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God remain in him?

# 1 JOHN 3:13-22

**18** Little children, let's not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. **19** We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will set our heart at ease before Him, **20** that if our heart condemns us, that God is greater than our heart, and He knows all things.

# 1 JOHN 3:13-22

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask, we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

# 1 JOHN 3:23-24

**23** This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. **24** The one who keeps His commandments remains in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He remains in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

# QUESTION

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Can people identify Christ in you by the love that you display?

