Evidence of Life or Death
1 John 3:14-15

1. **The _____ of Love**

1 John 3:14 ~ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

A. The _____ of Salvation

Everyone starts in a state of death. That is, we start in a condition of separation from God who is the Author of life. Those who are in Christ have moved from death to life.

Ephesians 2:4-5 ~ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

B. The _____ to Believers

Salvation brings a transformation of the heart that connects us to believers. Through the love of Christ, we find that we are drawn to love those who belong to Him.

John 13:34-35 ~ "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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Truth to Remember:

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Actions to Take:

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2. **The _____ of Hate**

1 John 3:15 ~ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in them.

A. The _____ of Hate

The inner condition of the heart will broadcast itself in the outer working of life. When hate resides in the heart, the ultimate end is such scorn for others that it is of nature, murderous.

Matthew 5:21-22 ~ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'" "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire."

B. The _____ of the Hateful

There is no entrance to the kingdom of the LORD for those who have rejected the love of Christ. Merely external religious behavior does not bring salvation, when there is no life abiding within.

Revelation 21:8 ~ "But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Galatians 5:6
For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.