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# How to Love

1 John 3:11-24

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*“By loving us –  
God makes us lovable.”  
Augustine*

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3:11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

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12 not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

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## Love one another 11,12

- This is not new info! 60 years+
- Love for God or Jesus is seen in one another
- Did Cain love God? Bring an offering?
- If you love Me...
- Cain – ‘I did it my way!’ - Two kinds of people

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*“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’”*

C.S. Lewis

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*“Grace teaches us that God loves  
because of who He is –  
not because of who we are!”*

Phillips Brooks



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3:13 Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.

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14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

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15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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## Love and hate 13-15

- Are you really surprised?
- Love of benefit - of reciprocity - of sacrifice!
- Despise one of God's image bearers?
- Hate can be active or passive – neglect
- THE question – NOT Are you? Do you?

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*Love is our promise to overestimate  
each other - in Christ!*

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3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?



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18 Little children, let us not love with word  
or with tongue, but in deed and truth.



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19 We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him

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20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

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21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us,  
we have confidence before God;

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22 and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

## Love like God 16-22

- 3:16 – 3:16 – neat coincidence!
- Love seeks the joy of others at the cost of ours
- John invokes James – ‘deed and truth’ v.18
- Self test = what are you doing? Not just saying!
- You know if you are loving – praying - obeying

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*“Consider what you owe to His immutability. Though we have changed 1000 times - He has not changed once.”*

C.H. Spurgeon

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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.

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24 The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.



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## Love and obey 23,24

- Greatest Commandment – 2 are 1
- Love the LORD – believe in Him
- Love one another – obey Him
- Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18
- Love who God loves – as He loves you!

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*“The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good but that God will make us good because He loves us!”*

C.S. Lewis

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## How to Love

- Love expressed to God in worship
- Love expressed to image bearers of God
- Love expressed by offering ourselves to LORD
- Love expressed by heedless commitment

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*“For God so loved the World that He gave His only Son - that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”* **Jesus** (John 3:16)

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*“There is the great lesson of ‘Beauty and the Beast’ - that a thing must be loved before it is lovable.”*

G.K. Chesterton





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