

# Sermon Outline

## Looking Ahead:

- January 15 *“Dealing with a Guilty Heart”* ~ 1 John 3:19-24, Pastor Luke
- January 22 *“Knowing the Truth of God’s Word”* ~ 1 John 4:1-6, Pastor Phil
- January 29 *“Why We Love”* ~ 1 John 4:7-12, Pastor Corey

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## **“Love in Contrast to Hate”**

1 John 3:10-18

January 8, 2023

Introduction: What is the flower of “love?”

*Jn.13:34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

The four contrasts between love and hate:

### I. The Contrast in Characterization.

#### A. Hate characterizes the world, v.10,12,13.

1. Who makes up the world, v.10.

2. What the world is known for, v.13.

*Jn.15:18 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”*

3. Why this takes place, v.12.

#### B. Love characterizes the child of God.

1. Who this is, v.10.

2. What the child of God is known for, v.11.

### II. The Contrast in Prototype.

#### A. Hatred’s prototype is Cain, v12.

1. The source of hate: The evil one, Satan!

2. The reason for hate: The failure of love.

*Gen.4:3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.*

3. The outcome of hate: Murder.
4. The beginning of hate: A wrong attitude towards God.

*Jn.3:19 "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed."*

B. Love's prototype is Christ, v.16a,18.

1. In Jesus we know what love is.

2. In Jesus we can see what love is.

*Jn.10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

*Jn.15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

*Rm.5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

### III. The Contrast in Product.

A. Hate produces murder, v.15.

B. Love produces self-sacrifice, v.16b-17.

1. The extremity of love, v.16b.

2. The practicality of love, v.17.

*Jm.2:15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?*

### IV. The Contrast in Results.

A. Hate results in eternal death, v.14b,15.

B. Love results in eternal life, v.14a

Conclusion:

Action Step: What action can you take this week to demonstrate Christ's selfless love?

- To what believer can you demonstrate Christ's selfless love? \_\_\_\_\_
- For the sake of the gospel, to what nonbeliever can you demonstrate Chris's selfless love? \_\_\_\_\_