

# You & the Other Guy



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

*Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.*

From the Series,  
"Authentic Trust"

*1 John 3:11-18*  
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## 1. The Ideals In Our Relationships (11)

*"For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."*

Love is not a Gospel add-on. Love is the core of the message of Jesus. Love seeks the highest good of the other person.

## 2. The Interruptions In Our Relationships (12)

*"We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous."*

*"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment..." - Matthew 5:21-22*

In our flesh there dwells the root of selfishness, lovelessness, hostility, jealousy, envy and hatred. Christ's love in us executes these elements in our lives.

## 3. The Indicators From Our Relationships (13-15)

- a. An element of hostility from the world (13) - "Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you."
- b. A transformation into soul-lovers (14a) - " We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers..."
- c. A new perspective on bitterness (14b-15) - "...Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."

#### 4. The Imperatives In Our Relationships (16-18)

- a. Sacrificial living toward others (16) - "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."
- b. Practical provision for others in need (17) - "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"
- c. Actions which confirm our beliefs (18) - "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."