

THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE

1 John 3:11-18

1. Love is purifying

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 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. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. 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. (11-15)

2. Love is sacrificial

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. (16)

3. Love is generous

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? (17)

4. Love is visible

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (18)