

In 1 John 2:7-11 (*back in March!*) we were introduced to an old, yet new commandment, concerning brotherly love and realities of the Christian life related to it. The context of today's section is that born again individuals are sinless sons/daughters of God and brothers/sisters in the family of God through Christ. Our brotherly love is different than anything else in this world and makes us stand out as a powerful force as we work together in this world (John 13:35)! But there's something else today...evidence of true brotherly love gives us _____ or can cause doubt of our salvation if we lack it. **Is it in you? is it greatly in you?**

ASSURANCE THROUGH BROTHERLY LOVE – 1 John 3:11-19

1. The Way the World Loves – v. 11-13

- Brotherly love seen through the worldly _____ of Cain – v. 12; Gen. 4:3-11; Jude 1:10-11.

Of that wicked one (v. 10; Lk. 22:3) =

His own works were evil, and his brother's righteous (Heb. 11:4) =

- Brotherly love seen/heard from the _____ through God – v. 11; Lev. 19:18 (James 2:8); John 13:34-35, 15:12; Eph. 5:2; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22, 3:8-9, 4:8.
- This world hates sons of God who walk in _____ – v. 1, 12-13; Matt. 10:16-24, 34-36; John 3:19, 7:7; Gal. 4:16.

2. The Way Sons of God Love – v. 14-16

- Sons of God receive a new _____ through Christ causing a natural and genuine love for the family of God (*and others*) – v. 14; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 John 5:1.

We know know that we have passed from death unto life (v. 14a) =

Abideth in death (v. 14b; Eph. 2:1-3) =

- The natural way of an unregenerate person (*without Christ*) leads to _____ and murder – v. 13, 15; Job 24:14; Rom. 1:19-32; Eph. 4:17-19, 5:1-6.

The example of James and John (Luke 9:51-56) =

The example of _____ (Matt. 26:47-50; Luke 22:47-48; John 12:4-6, 13:1, 17:12) =

- God's love is _____ when we lay our lives down as He did for the brethren (*and potential brethren*) – v. 16; Matt. 26:53; John 15:12-13; 2 Cor. 8:9.

3. The Depth of Our Brotherly Love – v. 17-19

- Impactful brotherly love comes from a _____ understanding (*bowels of compassion*) of God that goes beyond just words – v. 17-18; 1 Cor. 13:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:9; Ps. 62:5.

Whoso hath this world's good =

- Brotherly love in action, as Christ demonstrated and commanded us, is a _____ assurance of our salvation – v. 19, 23; 1 Cor. 6:9-12; 1 John 2:10.

We _____ ... (v. 14, 19) =

We perceive... (v. 16) =

We _____ our hearts before Him (v. 19) =