

You Cannot Hide Your Love

1 JOHN 3:11-18

- I. Our love for one another must be as _____ as the gospel message we believe (3:11).**

1 JOHN 3:11 *For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

1 JOHN 1:1-4 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

II. The world _____ our love for one another (3:12-13).

A. Cain hated his brother's _____.

1 JOHN 3:12 *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.*

B. Hatred should never _____ us.

1 JOHN 3:13 *Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.*

III. Our love for one another _____ our life in Christ (3:14-15).

A. Our _____ bears the fruit of love for our brothers and sisters (3:14).

1 JOHN 3:14 *We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.*

JOHN 5:24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

B. Abiding _____ of others is the fruit of disbelief (3:15).

1 JOHN 3:15 *Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

MATTHEW 5:21-22 *You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.*

IV. Our love for one another *must be*:

- Rooted in and modeled after what Christ has done for us.

1 JOHN 3:16 *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

- _____ and _____. Benefitting those in need.

1 JOHN 3:17-18 *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? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*