

# **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

## **I John 3:11-18**

**A real relationship with Christ will be reflected  
in a real love for others.**

### **I. THE CONDITION OF LOVE (11)**

#### **A. AN APPEAL: We should love one another (11b)**

1. Love involves concern
2. Love involves compulsion
3. Love involves consistency
4. Love involves contact
5. Love involves cooperation

#### **B. A PRIORITY: This is a foundational element (11a)**

1. An essential element necessary for continued success
2. An elementary element included in Christ's early teachings
  - See John 13:34-35 and 15:12 along with I John 3:23

### **II. THE CONTRAST OF LOVE (12-15)**

#### **A. THE AGGRESSION OF CAIN (12)**

- An individual example of lovelessness

1. Devilish: He was inspired by the devil and included on his team
2. Destructive: Cain slaughtered his brother
3. Defiled: With a jealous rage
4. Defiant: Cain offered Abel to God as his replacement sacrifice! [From John MacArthur]

#### **B. THE ANTAGONISM OF THE KOSMOS**

- A global example of lovelessness

1. They are Hateful (13)
  - a. The world's response (13b)
  - b. The Christian's reaction (13a)
    - Not shocked or astonished by this - See Mark 13:13 and John 15:18-19
2. They are Unconverted (14)
  - a. The unloving are hopeless (14b)
    - They pass from death to death - Rom. 5:12
  - b. The loving are hopeful (14a)
    - They know that they will pass from death to life - John 5:24
3. They are Murderous (15)
  - a. Their desire
    - In their hatred they wish to deprive another of life - See Matt. 5:21-22
  - b. Their doom: No eternal life abiding in them

### III. **THE CONDUCT OF LOVE** (16-18)

#### A. CHRIST'S DEMONSTRATION (16a)

1. A Sacrificial Love: He gave His life - John 10:11-15
2. A Voluntary Love: He laid it down
3. A Beneficial Love: For us
4. A Notable Love: We know love by this

#### B. CHRISTIAN'S OBLIGATIONS (16b-18)

1. Sacrificial Love (16b)
  - a. Giving a life rather than taking one - John 15:12-13
  - b. Exp: Epaphroditus - Phil. 2:25-30
2. Helpful Love (17)
  - a. The conditions: An ability to meet needs and a awareness that someone is lacking
  - b. The callousness: Closing his heart
  - c. The conclusion: There is no love for God there
  - d. The contrast: Giving to alleviate needs
    - Exp: The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:33-34
3. Practical Love (18)
  - a. The prohibition: No speeches or dialogue
  - b. The prescription: Activity with sincerity - See James 2:15-17

### **CONCLUSION:**

**A real relationship with Christ will be reflected in a real love for others.**

1. Don't live like Cain: Hateful, hurtful and hostile
2. Do love like Christ: Sacrificially, selflessly, savingly