

Living in Love or Death

Series – A Study of I John

– I John 3:11-18 –

“This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.”
– verse 11

1. The Hatred of Cain and the World (vss. 12-15)

2. The Love of Christ and the Church (vss. 16-18)

* *It's a love that opens our [EYES](#).*

* *It's a love that opens our [HEARTS](#).*

* *It's a love that opens our [HANDS](#).*

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Look again at vs. 13. How often do you notice hatred from the world, and how *surprised* are you to notice it?
3. Have you ever wondered what love is? Look again at verse 16. Spend a moment with this truth. Just sit here. How is this verse different from what TV, magazines and the world declare is love?
4. Why is it impossible to claim to love Jesus and not love fellow believers? In what ways are Christ and our loving one another connected?
5. What are some ways you can lay down your life for another person apart from physical death?
6. How is Jesus' love portrayed in Matt. 9:9-13 and Luke 7:36-39? In our culture, do you think Jesus is still thought of as a friend of sinners? Why or why not?
7. How could we show His love in such a way that people are attracted to Jesus, the One who truly loves them? Can you think of any things we should stop doing?

