



FAMILY OF GOD

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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1 John 3:11 – 18

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MESSAGE NOTES

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. By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 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. — 1 John 3:11 – 18

Religion gives you a belief system that you don't really follow. When it gets really difficult, you find a loophole.

MURDER

HATRED

INDIFFERENCE

LOVE

It means we know that only hypocrites and cowards let their words be stronger than their relationships, making sneaky raids into culture on social media or behaving like moral hall monitors in the neighborhood.

— Rosaria Butterfield

I have to put self to death so my selfishness doesn't kill me.

Instead of hating you, I have to hate my own sin.

You can be indifferent, or you can make a difference.

LOVE: a set of actions that I intentionally make part of my life.

Loving one another is a CHALLENGE

Loving one another is a CALLING



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If someone were to stop you in the parking lot on the way out of church and ask you what the sermon was about, what would you say?
- What kind of loopholes or exceptions do you make for yourself when it comes to following God's commands?
- Do you see withholding love as a serious infraction of God's law?
- What does it say about you when you refuse to forgive or when you hold a grudge?
- Are your words stronger than your relationships?
- What does it mean to die to yourself?
- Do you see it as normative to understand "loving one another" as a challenge?
- Why should we love one another?