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1 John



*For this is the message you have heard
from the beginning: We should love
one another...*

1 John 3:11

1 John 1:5 "This is the message we heard from him and declare to you."

2:24 "What you have heard from the beginning is to remain in you."

2:7 "Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old command that you have had from the beginning."



Who is Jesus?

What are we to become?

How are we to treat one another?



*"This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us."
1 John 3:16*

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Unlike Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brothers were righteous.

1 John 3:11,12



Do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

1 John 3:13



*We must never try to go along
merely to get along*

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. The one who does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:14-16

*Don't be surprised when the world
hates you.*

*You don't get to hate back, you must
love them.*

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16



If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him?

1 John 3:17

'It is easier to be enthusiastic about Humanity with a capital "H" than it is to love individual men and women, especially those who are uninteresting, exasperating, depraved, or otherwise unattractive. Loving everybody in general may be an excuse for loving nobody in particular.'

GP Lewis



*Little children, let us not love in word
or speech, but in action and in truth.*

1 John 3:18



This is how we know.

-Certainty-



Sometimes our hearts need assurance

This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things.

1 John 3:19,20

1. Satan loves to attack our confidence in Christ.

2. Our own bodies and minds can impact our confidence in Christ.

3. Comparison with others can undermine our confidence in Christ.

*John's practical strategy for dealing
with a condemning heart.*

-Go love people-



This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things.

1 John 3:19,20

*Dear friends, if our hearts don't
condemn us, we have confidence
before God and receive whatever we
ask from him because we keep his
commands and do what is pleasing in
his sight.*

1 John 3:21,22

Now this is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps his commands remains in him, and he in him. And the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he has given us.

1 John 3:23,24

*“Get out of your mind and into your
life.”*

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing, and the true light is already shining.

1 John 2:7

*We aren't chasing the insecurity of
relevance.*

*We want to live in the security of
permanence.*