

FIRST JOHN

Loving One Another // 1 John 3:11-18

Distinguishing Marks of a Child of God

Chapter 3

- Righteous Living (v. 4-10)
- Righteous Loving (v. 11-24)

Three Tests of 1 John

- **The Behavioral Test** of Obedience
- **The Social Test** of Love
- **The Doctrinal Test** of Belief

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"...love one another."

God's commands are his enablements.

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"We should not be like Cain..."

Cain is a prototype of a child of the devil.

Lesson: If you are going to follow Christ,
this world will not like you.

Proverbs 29:27 – *"...the wicked detest the upright."*

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"Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." (v. 15)

God sees anger/hatred
as the moral equivalent to murder.
(Matthew 5:21-22)

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"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." (v. 16)

John's Message: "Don't be like Cain; Be like Christ."

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The Christian life puts self to the side
in order to put others first.

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True love is to be displayed
not just talked about.