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1 John 3:11-17

Title: Love one another

By the time we get to 1 John 3, the author has already taken time to cover some pretty major themes. Jesus Christ is our propitiation, our Advocate, we are the sons of God, etc.

**We should love one another, John
writes, and those who have passed from
death to life. But who is my brother, and
how do I love my brother?**

Here's how not to do it: Genesis 4:1-15

**Don't be like Cain — be righteous in
your actions instead**

**Maybe your brethren include family
members, but maybe not: Mark 3:31-35**

**Your devotion to the brethren may cost
you some familial relationships, too:**

Luke 14:26-35

**Who is my brother? Your brothers are
sons of God: 1 John 3:1-3**

**Your brothers abide in the doctrine of
Christ: 2 John 9-11**

**For those who are married, your
believing spouse is part of the brethren
too: Ephesians 5:22-33**

Love the brethren, and don't be surprised if the world hates you. We have an example — John 15:12-23

**Jesus Christ warned the disciples that
the world would hate them.**

Matthew 10:21-23

**Many people of old ended up in peril in
pursuit of the gospel, because they were
hated: Hebrews 11:37-40**

**Those who don't love the brethren abide
in death, 1 John 3:14-15 says.**

1 John 2:8-11

Matthew 5:21-24

**He that hates his brother is a murderer,
and murderers will suffer the second
death: Revelation 21:6-8**

We believers, by contrast, have passed from death to life because we love the brethren.

John 5:21-29 (emphasis on John 5:24)

Those who are born of God should love:

1 John 4:16-21

**How do I love my brother? God loved
us by laying down his life for us: Acts
21:10-14**

**Love distinguished the disciples from
others. Be willing to lay your life down,
too: John 13:31-35**

1 Timothy 5:1-2

**Love drives forgiveness among those in
the body of Christ, too: 1 Peter 4:7-11**

**You will have to overlook some
transgressions: Proverbs 19:11**

Matthew 18:21-35

Luke 23:33-43

Who is my brother?

- Any abiding in the doctrine of Christ
- Maybe kin, maybe not
- Our love for them will distinguish us

How do I love my brother?

- Seek their wellbeing
- Be of service, be hospitable
- Overlook their faults

The world will hate you because of your belief in the Lord Jesus. Remember to love the brethren in light of that fact — we are in the body of Christ.

God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son. We should serve others in the body of Christ with that in mind, having passed from death to life even now.