



Notes: 1. Introduction

a. Christian character has God's love in their heart

b. God is love - 1 Jn 4:8, 16
- God first loved us - 1 Jn 4:19

c. God's love evidence of salvation
- love keeps focus on the person & not on the problems

d. Contrast of positives & negatives

2. Message of Love (vs 11)

a. Jn 13:33 new command, love each other

- 2 promises Jn 14 & Jn 16
* the Comforter, Spirit of Truth

b. Reminder of truth - Spirit of Truth
- Jn 14:17; 15:26

c. Agape: self sacrificing love

d. Love God with all your heart

- whole law hangs on loving neighbor
- Mt 22:36-40, Mk 12:28-31, Lk 10:26-27

e. Law ~~is fulfilled~~ ^{fulfilled} in loving your neighbor
- Gal 5:13-14

f. Revelation of truth

- parable of prodigal son

- characters: loving ^{father} son, younger prodigal son, older bitter son, home, & foreign country

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- indication of mature Christian's heart

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3. Malice of Hate (vs 12-13)

a. Cain & Abel - From Cain to Abel

- the wicked brother Cain
- Cain murdered his brother Abel

b. the Devil - murderer & liar

- Jn 8:44 Satan called father of sinners

c. Cain took his anger against God & displaced it on to Abel

- God warned Abel Gen 4:6
- Abel angry at God because God did not accept Cain's sacrifice. Gen 4:5
- ~~Abel killed~~ Cain killed Abel because God accepted Abel's sacrifice - Gen. 4:8

d. Abel's works were evil (1 Jn 3:12)

- unchecked & prolonged anger leads to hate
- anger easily leads to violence

e. - "Be angry & sin not - Christian positive

* Eph 4:26

- "Let not sun go down on your wrath"

~~* Eph 4:26~~ Don't give place to Devil

* don't give him a place in your home

- Keep the Devil out of your life

f. From world to Christian

- world hates Jesus Christ & Christian

4. Motive of Sacrifice (vs. 14-15)

a. Positives: loving Christian brothers

* True faith motivates love

c. Hate for Christians shows lost heart (negative)

- hatred is murder
- murderer does not have eternal life

5. Conclusion (vs. 16)

a. Christian knows love

- because Jesus laid down His life

b. Christian to be willing lay down their life for other Christian

- "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

* Jn 15:13-15 Jesus call Christians His friends