



## Love PART I (I John 3:10-24)

### Love One Another

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**Practice Righteousness or...**

You are NOT of God!

So how do you practice righteousness?

**Know the Word!** “Yes, and **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus** will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood **you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:12-17 NKJV

**Love your brother or...**

You are NOT of God!

What is the proof?

- ☑ **If you love your brother, you won't stand by and watch him sin!** “You shall not hate your brother in your heart. **You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.** You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself:** I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV
- ☑ **Preference:** “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be **kindly affectionate** to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;” Romans 12:9-10 NKJV
- ☑ **Hypocrisy Alert:** “He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to **walk just as He walked.**” 1 John 2:4-6 NKJV
- ☑ See: [Walks Just as He Walked](#)
- ☑ **Open Hands:** “**Give to him who asks you,** and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.” Matthew 5:42 NKJV

- ☑ *“For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should **love one another**, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were **evil** and his brother’s **righteous**.”*  
*I John 3:11-12 NKJV*

- ☑ **Love one Another**

- ☑ The quintessential example:

- ☑ At the onset of the Upper Room Discourse (the Last Supper Sermon)

- ☑ **I have given you an example!** “So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. **If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.** Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.” John 13:12-17 NKJV

- ☑ Later in the sermon: Love Unlimited

- ☑ **Love like He Loves!** “A new commandment I give to you, that **you love one another; as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”” John 13:34-35 NKJV
- ☑ **Obey!** ““If you love Me, keep My commandments.” John 14:15 NKJV
- ☑ **Know and do!** “**He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”” John 14:21 NKJV
- ☑ **Love vs. No Love:** “Jesus answered and said to him, “**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;** and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. **He who does not love Me does not keep My words;** and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.” John 14:23-24 NKJV
- ☑ **Obey Y’shua just like He obeyed His Father:** ““As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s**

**commandments** and abide in His love.” John  
15:9-10 NKJV

☑ **No limits!** “This is My commandment, that you **love one another as I have loved you**. Greater love has no one than this, than to **lay down one’s life** for his friends.” John 15:12-13 NKJV

☑ **Cain vs. Able**

☑ Cain’s works were evil: He gave less of himself!

☑ Able’s works were righteous: He gave all of himself!

☑ *“Do not marvel, my brethren, if **the world hates you**. We know that we have passed from **death to life**, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever **hates his brother is a murderer**, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.” I John 3:13-15 NKJV*

☑ **The worlds hates you...**

☑ **Don’t be so surprised!** ““If the world hates you, you know that **it hated Me before it hated you**. If you were of the world, **the world would love its own**. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, **therefore the world hates you**. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his

master.' **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.** If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."

John 15:18-20 NKJV

- ☑ **Note:** Are you catching this. We are to love like He loves and we will be hated like he's hated!

- ☑ **Love = Life vs. No Love = Death**

- ☑ The living dead: Are you walking around like the living dead? Are you a love machine willing to give you life, or are you trying to preserve your own life.

- ☑ **Don't try to preserve your life!** "Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. **For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.**" Luke 9:23-24 NKJV

- ☑ **Hate = Murder**


- ☑ **Murder begins in the heart!** ""You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' **But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother** without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, '**Raca!**' shall be in danger of the

council. But whoever says, '**You fool!**' shall be in danger of hell fire." Matthew 5:21-22 NKJV

### **Lay Down Your Life—Love is an action!**

**"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.** But whoever has this world's goods, and sees **his brother in need**, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, **let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.** And by this we know that we are of the **truth**, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For **if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.** Beloved, **if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.** And **whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.** And this is His commandment: that we should **believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another**, as He gave us commandment." I John 3:16-23 NKJV

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☑ **No Greater Love!**

☑ **Lay down your life!** "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **Greater love** has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:12-13 NKJV

☑ **Y'shua's love compelled Him to give His life!** "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, **as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us**, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." Ephesians 5:1-2 NKJV

☑ **The Great Mystery**

☑ **What does loving like Christ look like?** "Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her**, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the

church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**” Ephesians 5:25-32  
NKJV

☑ *“My little children, **let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.** And by this we know that we are of the **truth**, and shall assure our hearts before Him.”* I John 3:18-19  
NKJV

☑ **Love is an action**

☑ The Love Connection

☑ **What good is it to talk with no action to back it up?**

“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”

**If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your

works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, **O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?**” James 2:14-20 NKJV

### The Truth Test

**Obey or?** “He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” I John 2:4 NKJV

**If...?** ““If you love Me, keep My commandments.” John 14:15 NKJV

**Lawlessness?** ““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ **And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**” Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

**Do you call Him Lord?** ““But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” Luke 6:46 NKJV

☑ *“For if **our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart,** and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And **whatever we ask we receive** from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” I John 3:20-22 NKJV*

☑ **You cannot fake it...God knows!**

☑ **Nothing is Hidden?** “Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **For the word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **And there is no creature hidden from His sight**, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:11-13 NKJV

☑ **Equation: Ask = Receive**

☑ **Ask/Seek/Knock:** ““Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will

give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! **Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them,** for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:7-12 NKJV

☑ *"And this is His commandment: that we should **believe on the name** of His Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, as He gave us commandment." 1 John 3:23 NKJV*

☑ **Formula for His commandment: Believe in Y'shua + Love One Another + Ask = Receive**

☑ Seek ask knock

☑ **His Name:** *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. **And whatever you ask in My name,** that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything **in My name,** I will do it." John 14:12-14 NKJV*

☑ **His Name:** *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit,*

and that your fruit should remain, that **whatever you ask the Father in My name** He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.”

John 15:16-17 NKJV

☑ **Abide!** “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” John 15:7 NKJV

☑ **One day—Direct Connect!** ““And **in that day** you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. **Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive,** that your joy may be full. “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. **In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you,** because you have loved Me, **and have believed that I came forth from God.**” John 16:23-27 NKJV

☑ Asking Wrong!

☑ **Ask with no faith!** “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without

reproach, and it will be given to him. **But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,** for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. **For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." James 1:5-8 NKJV

☑ **Asking with selfish motives!** "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. **Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.**" James 4:1-3 NKJV

☑ **What does it mean to love**

☑ Love God, Love your neighbor

☑ **Love Yahweh:** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5 NKJV

☑ **Love Yahweh:** ""Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always." Deuteronomy 11:1 NKJV

- ☑ **How do you love you neighbor?** “You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV

## **Abide**

“Now he who **keeps His commandments abides** in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.” I John 3:24 NKJV

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John 15:7-10 NKJV

**NEXT WEEK**

Love PART II (1 John 4:1-20)