

1 Jn. 3:11-18

- I. Love one another, because you are from God, not from the evil one (11-15)
 - A. Love one another, and don't be like hateful Cain (11-13)
 - 1. Pos: We should love one another (11)
 - a This is the message you heard (11a-b)
 - 1) Because this is the message (11a)
 - 2) Which you heard from the beginning (11b)
 - b That we should love one another (11c)
 - 2. Neg: We should not hate like Cain did (12-13)
 - a [we should] not [be/do] (12a)
 - b Don't do like Cain did (12b-13)
 - 1) Like Cain was evil and killed his brother (12b-c)
 - a) Just as Cain was from the evil one (12b)
 - b) And he slaughtered his brother (12c)
 - 2) Explanation: He killed his brother, because evil hates the good (12d-13)
 - a) He slaughtered his brother, because evil hates the good (12d-f)
 - (1) And on account of this he slaughtered him: (12d)
 - (2) Reason: Because he was evil and his brother was righteous (12e-f)
 - (a) Neg: Because his own works were evil/worthless (12e)
 - (b) Pos: but those of his brother were righteous/upright (12f)
 - b) Therefore: Don't be surprised that the world hates you (13)
 - (1) And brothers, do not marvel (13a)
 - (2) If the world hates you (13b)
 - B. Loving or hating is evidence for the presence or lack of eternal life (14-15)
 - 1. Pos: Loving is evidence of eternal life (14a-c)
 - a We know that we have transitioned into life (14a-b)
 - 1) We know: (14a)
 - 2) That we have changed state from the death into the life (14b)
 - b Because we are loving the brothers (14c)
 - 2. Neg: not loving, and hating is evidence of lack of eternal life (14d-15)
 - a The one who does not love remains in death (14d-e)
 - 1) The one not loving (14d)
 - 2) This one is remaining in death (14e)
 - b Hating a brother is a sign that one doesn't have eternal life(15)
 - 1) Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer in his heart (15a-b)
 - a) Everyone hating his brother (15a)
 - b) This one is a murderer (15b)
 - 2) We know that murderers do not have eternal life(15c-d)
 - a) And you know: (15c)
 - b) Every murderer does not have eternal life remaining in him (15d)

- II. Therefore: We should live out the love we have been given (16-18)
 - A. We know love because of Christ's sacrificial love for us (16a-b)
 - 1. In this we have come to know the love (16a)
 - 2. That this One laid down His life on our behalf (16b)
 - B. We should likewise, sacrificially love one another (16c-18)
 - 1. And we ourselves ought to lay down the lives on behalf of the brothers (16c)
 - 2. Those who know God help and love one another in practical ways (17-18)
 - a. Those who refuse to help when they can don't have the love of God (17)
 - 1) Whoever refuses to help a brother when having the resources to do so (17a-c)
 - a) Whoever has the resources to help and sees a brother in need (17a-b)
 - (1) Whoever may have the life of the world (17a)
 - (2) And he sees his brother having need (17b)
 - b) And he closes his compassion from him (17c)
 - 2) How does the love of God remain in him? (17d)
 - b. Don't love only with talk, but with action as well (18)
 - 1) Neg: Don't love with just speech (18a-b)
 - a) Children, let us not love with word [alone] (18a)
 - b) Neither with tongue/speech [alone] (18b)
 - 2) Pos: but [let us love] in work/deed and truth (18c)