

Loving Others

Point 1 ▶ The main purpose for writing this epistle is stated in **1 John 1:3**.

📖 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have **fellowship** with us: and truly our **fellowship** is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
1 John 1:3 (KJV)

Point 2 ▶ Historical records indicate that some of the Gnostics were claiming that God had a mixture of good and evil. The apostle John refuted this false concept in **1 John 1:5**.

📖 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light**, and in him is no **darkness** at all.
1 John 1:5 (KJV)

Point 3 ▶ In **1 John 3:11**, it appears to be the beginning of a paragraph that extends to verse 24. Verse 11 and verse 23 give the main subject of this paragraph.

📖 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another**.
1 John 3:11 (KJV)

📖 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 (KJV)

Point 4 ▶ Christians should stop being surprised when they see hatred.

📖 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world **hate** you.
1 John 3:13 (KJV)

📖 Whosoever **hateth** his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
1 John 3:15 (KJV) (meno)

Point 5 ▶ The kind of love that John spoke of in this epistle is *love in action*.

📖 Hereby perceive we the **love of God**, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16 (KJV)

📖 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the **love of God** in him? **1 John 3:17 (KJV)**

📖 My little children, let us **not love in word**, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18 (KJV)

Point 6 ▶ As Christians, there are certain things that *we know*.

(*oida*)

📖 **We know** that we have passed from death unto life, because we **love the brethren**. He that **loveth not his brother** abideth in death.

1 John 3:14 (KJV)

(*meno*)

📖 ¹⁹ And hereby **we know** that we are of the truth, and shall assure **our hearts** before him.²⁰ For if **our hearts** condemn us, God is greater than **our hearts** and knoweth all things. ²¹ Beloved, if **our hearts** condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

1 John 3:19-21 (KJV)

📖 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and

(*ginosko*)

(*meno*)

he in him. And hereby **we know** that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

(*meno*)

1 John 3:24 (KJV)

Point 7 ▶ What about the commandments?

📖 ²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his **commandments**, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. ²³ 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**. ²⁴ And he that keepeth his **commandments** dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 John 3:22-24 (KJV)

¹¹ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another**.

¹² Not as Cain, *who* was of that **wicked** one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's **righteous**.

¹³ Marvel not, my brethren, if the world **hate** you.

¹⁴ *(oida)* **We know** that we have passed from death unto life, because we **love the brethren**. He that **loveth not his brother** *(meno)* abideth in death.

¹⁵ Whosoever **hateth** his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no *(meno)* murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the **love of God**, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of *compassion* from him, how dwelleth the **love of God** in him? *(meno)*

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Greek Word Study

Koinonia – sharing in common

Oida – knowledge that emphasizes information from man's human spirit

Ginosko – Knowledge received from learning general information

Meno – to continue in or remain in

Peripateo – to walk, commonly used as a metaphor for to live or lifestyle

Follow-Up Reading**1 John 1:6-10 (KJV)**

⁶ **If** we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk** in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

⁷ But **if** we **walk** in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

⁸ **If** we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ **If** we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ **If** we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Follow -Up Reading**Genesis 4:1-8 (KJV)**

¹ And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

⁸ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Assigned Reading**Acts Chapters 1 through 5**