

## Message Of Love

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### Introduction.

- I. Example of Sarah singing to Alan Kent when he came home from the hospital. She sang “Jesus Loves The Little Children” and “Jesus Love Me.” His first message was a message of love. This evening I would like to speak on the message of love.
- II I would like to invite your attention to the reading of 1 John 3:11-18. It is a text that is much needed by our world filled with hate, envy, indifference and murder. It is a text that is needed by the church that is often torn by strife and bitterness. It is a text that is needed in the home that is also torn by strife and bitterness.

III. I invite you to open your Bibles to this text since we will studying it verse by verse.

11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; 12 not as Cain, who was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous. 13 Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

### 11-12 This Is The Message

1. The message of loving one another was very old - it is as old as man. That was never a time men were to hate. O.T. explicitly taught love. (Lev. 19:18). NT. (Matt. 22:39; 5:43, 44; Jn. 13:34, 35; Rom. 12:10; Col. 3:14; 1 Pet. 1:22).
2. Not as Cain - Gen. 4:1-8; “by faith” - Heb. 10:4a; Rom. 10:17 - **God has instructed them what to do. Abel obeyed and Cain did not.**
3. **Cain’s options** - (1) could have done what God (2) Could have repented (3) Rather he added hate to his rebellion.

13 - **Do Not Marvel** - (1) Shock & surprised (2) World hated Jesus (3) It will hate us

**JOH 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave 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.**

14 - **We Know**

1. Passed out of spiritual death into spiritual life. State of being right with God.
2. One who does not love abide in death - spiritual death.

15 - **Everyone Who Hates His Brother** (1) Not literal murder (2) Murderous disposition (3) Eph. 4:26, 27

16 - **We Know Love**

1. Christ died for us. (Jn. 15:13).
2. We ought to lay down our lives for one another. See Jn. 15:12

17 - **But Whoso Has The World's Good** - Love means sharing. Jas. 2:14-17.

18 - **Little Children** - 1. This is an ellipsis. We are not to love with the tongue only. Love is shown by actions.

**Conclusion.**

1. Jesus was very clear on the meaning of these words.

**MAT 25:31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? 38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they themselves also will answer,**

**saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' 45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."**

2. Jesus makes it clear that love includes more than words. It is action. It involves hugging our brother. It involves saying kind things to him. It involves seeking his good in all circumstances.
3. 1 John 4:7, 8
4. **Invitation** John 3:23.

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