

Real Family – Real Love
1 John 3

1 John 3:14 – (HCSB)

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I. The Persistent Message

– Love One Another

1 John 3:10-12– (HCSB)

This is how God's children--and the Devil's children--are made evident. Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother. For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another, unlike Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

II. The Painful Reality

- People will not love you.

1 John 3:13 – (HCSB)

Do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you.

John 15:18-21

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

III. The Permanent Evidence

– Real Love is the Proof we belong to Christ

1 John 3:14-15 – (HCSB)

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. The one who does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

IV. The Prolific Example

– Jesus gave up his life.

I John 3:16 – (HCSB)

This is how we have come to know love: He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers.

V. The Probing Question

– Is this love in you?

I John 3:17-18 – (HCSB)

If anyone has this world's goods and sees his brother in need but shuts off his compassion from him--how can God's love reside in him? Little children, we must not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth.