

IN OUR LAST STUDY OF 1JOHN WE LOOKED AT THE EXAMPLE OF CAIN WHO MURDERED HIS BROTHER V12 WHO WAS A CHILD OF THE EVIL ONE AND 1JOHN5:19 SAYS THE WHOLE WORLD LIES IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE

IN VERSE 13 HE TELLS THE BRETHREN THAT THEY SHOULD NOT SURPRISED IF THE WORLD HATES THEM CAIN WAS OF THE WORLD AND HE HATED HIS BROTHER MURDER IS THE ULTIMATE ACT OF HATE

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES IN JOHN 15:18 IF THE WORLD HATES YOU KNOW THAT IT HAS HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU HATRED TAKES LIFE FROM OTHERS LOVE GIVES ITS LIFE FOR OTHERS V11 THIS IS THE MESSAGE THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING THAT WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER

VERSE 12 TELLS US WHY CAIN MURDERED HIS BROTHER BECAUSE HIS DEEDS WERE EVIL OR DARKNESS AND HIS BROTHERS WERE RIGHTEOUS OR LIGHT MATT 5:21-22 HARBORING ANGER OR HATRED IN YOUR HEART SHOULD BE A THING OF THE PAST OUR HEARTS ARE TO BE FORGIVING AND LOVING

TITUS 3:3 SAYS WE WERE ONCE FOOLISH OURSELVES BEFORE OUR SALVATION WE WERE DISOBEDIENT DECEIVED ENSLAVED TO VARIOUS LUST AND PLEASURES SPENDING OUR LIVES IN MALICE AND ENVY BEING HATEFUL AND HATING ONE ANOTHER

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD HAVE NO PEACE ON THE INSIDE SO THEY ARE NEVER TRULY AT PEACE THERE MAY BE A CEASE FIRE BUT THE WAR IS RAGING ON THE INSIDE THEY SEEK PLEASURE TO FIND PEACE

1JOHN 2:17 THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY AND ALSO ITS LUST BUT THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD LIVES FOREVER

2TIM 3:12 SAYS ALL WHO DESIRE TO LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS WILL BE PERSECUTED IN JOHN 3:20-21 THE ONE WHO LIVES IN DARKNESS HATES THE LIGHT AND DOESN'T COME TO THE LIGHT FOR FEAR THAT HIS DEEDS WOULD BE EXPOSED

V14 ON THE OTHER HAND WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE PASSED OUT OF DEATH INTO LIFE BEING ASSURED OF THAT REALITY BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE ONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE IS STILL IN DARKNESS BEING SPIRITUALLY DEAD

V15 THE SUMMARY STATEMENT EVERYONE WHO HATES HIS BROTHER IS A MURDERER IN GOD'S EYES HATRED IS THE MORAL EQUIVALENT OF MURDER GOD LOOKS AT THE ATTITUDE OF THE HEART HE KNEW WHAT CAIN WAS CAPABLE OF AND HE WARNED HIM TO REPENT AND DO WHAT WAS RIGHT

AND YOU KNOW THAT NO MURDERER HAS ETERNAL LIFE ABIDING IN HIM YOU MIGHT BE SAYING TO YOURSELF WELL I NEVER KILLED ANYONE DO YOU HARBOR HATRED IN YOUR HEART IF SO REPENT AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT

LOVE IS MORE THAN NOT MURDERING SOMEONE IT IS LAYING DOWN YOUR LIFE FOR THEM THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT JESUS DID LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR YOU AND ME WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US

LOVE IS MORE THAN WHAT YOU DON'T DO LOVE IS ALSO WHAT YOU DO HAVING RECEIVED YOU GIVE THAT'S WHAT LOVE DOES JOHN 3:16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

GOD MET OUR GREATEST NEED HE PAID OUR SIN DEBT ON THE CROSS THAT WE MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE WHICH IS MORE THAN A LENGTH OF TIME IT IS A QUALITY OF LIFE THAT BEGINS NOW

GOD IS LOVE AND THOSE WHO POSSESS HIS LOVE GIVE SACRIFICIALLY FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS WHO WILL INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHICH IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

VESSELS OF MERCY SANCTIFIED BY THEIR MASTER PREPARED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK UNTIL HE RETURNS TO BRING US HOME UNTIL THEN DON'T BE SURPRISED IF THE WORLD HATES YOU