

**Is God's Love Evident in Us?**  
**Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel**  
**1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 3:11-17**  
*Sunday – August 3rd, 2025*

**CONTEXT:** John continues providing us a self-test directed at giving us assurance of our salvation (1 John 5:13). He is carefully taking us through the marks or characteristics of Christianity that will be seen in every person who has experienced the new birth in Christ. He has just completed the distinction between the practice of sin and the practice of righteousness. Now John takes us to the role of love in the true Christian. We know the unsaved world is dominated by self-centeredness and hate. We also know from Scripture that God is love and has exemplified His love by sending His Son to rescue underserving sinners. John will point out how love will be naturally displayed in those who now possess the Spirit of God and work of God in their heart. This will be seen by loving as God loves. If a person claiming Christ does not possess this love, but instead hates those whom God loves, John says he “abides in death” or is unsaved. The matter of possessing God’s kind of love in the life of a Christian is an essential witness to our right relation with Him.

**Outline of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)**

- I. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5-2:29)
  - B. The Characteristics of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-3:24)
    - 1. Practicing Moral Excellence (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-10)
    - 2. Practicing Love (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:10b-24)
      - a. Our distinction (Vs. 10b-17)

<i>Key Words &amp; times used</i>
• love (5)
• brother or brothers (7)
• devil (4)
• hates (4)
• murderer (2)
• lay down lives

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Contrasted (3:10 -12)**

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- **Conflicting (3:13)**

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- **Conspicuous (14-15)**

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- **Consummation (16-17)**

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Closing: \_\_\_\_\_

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