

LOVE, THE EVIDENCE OF LIFE

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

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

I JOHN 3:15

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

JOHN 13:34

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

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EPHESIANS 1:13

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

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14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

EPHESIANS 1:15

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

COLOSSIANS 1:4

4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

PHILEMON 1:5

5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

Christian love is a practical thing, it applies in the everyday affairs of life. Just consider the "one another" statements in the New Testament and you will see how practical it is to love one another.

Wash one another's feet (John 13:14).

Prefer one another (Rom 12:10).

Be of the same mind one to another (Rom 12:16).

Do not judge one another (Rom 14:13).

Receive one another (Rom 15:7).

Admonish one another (Rom 15:14).

Edify [build up] one another (1 Thess 5:11).

By love serve one another (Gal 5:13)

Bear one another's burdens (Gal 6:2).

Forbearing one another in love; (Eph 4:2)

Forgiving one another (Eph 4:32)

Comfort one another (1Thess 4:18)

Edify one another (1 Thess 5:11)

Let us consider (understand) one another (Heb 10:24)

Confess your faults to one another (James 5:16).

Use hospitality one to another (1 Peter 4:9).

In short, to love other Christians means to treat them the way God treats them - and the way God treats us.

JOHN 15:9

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:
continue ye in my love.

JOHN 15:10

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;
even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his
love.

JOHN 15:12

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I
have loved you.

JOHN 15:13

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his
life for his friends.

ROMANS 5:6

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ
died for the ungodly.

ROMANS 5:7

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet
peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

ROMANS 5:8

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

JOHN 15:14

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

I JOHN 2:15

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

JAMES 1:27

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

JAMES 4:4

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a *FRIEND of the world is the enemy of God.

FRIEND: philos {fee'-los}

to be friendly to one, wish him well, an associate; he who associates familiarly with one, a companion;

I JOHN 5:19

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

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[who] was of that wicked one] Satan, a child of his, an imitator of him, one that appeared to be under his influence, and to belong unto him. So the Jews say of Cain, that "he was of the side of the serpent (the old serpent the devil);

and as the way of the serpent is to slay and to kill, so Cain immediately became a murderer. " And again, "because Cain came from the side of the angel of death, he slew his brother;"

Cain is an example of a life of hatred. Cain is not presented as an atheist; he is presented as a worshiper. And this is the point: children of the devil masquerade as true believers. They attend religious gatherings, as Cain did. They may even bring offerings.

But these actions in themselves are not valid proof that a man is born of God. The real test is his love for the brethren - and here Cain failed.

Every man has a "spiritual lineage" as well as a physical, and Cain's "spiritual father" was the devil. Cain's attitudes and actions originated with Satan. Cain was a murderer and a liar Like Satan (John 8:44). He murdered His brother, and then he lied about it.

EARNESTLY. CONTENDING. FOR. THE. FAITH. THAT. WAS. ONCE. DELIVERED. TO. THE. SAINTS_ CONNERSVILLE. IN SUNDAY_ 53-0614A

E-31 And now remember, Cain wasn't an infidel. Cain was a believer. This is going to shake the gizzard out of you. I hope it does, some of you fundamentalists,

and puts a heart in you (That's right.), a heart of belief. Notice. Cain was religious and a believer. He come up and built an altar to the Lord, with just as much faith, as what Abel did.

WHY. I. AM. A. HOLY. ROLLER_ CHICAGO. IL SUNDAY_ 53-0830A

E-40 Now, I want to--you to watch something. God is just. Do you believe that, audience? He is absolutely just. And if God only requires a religion, Cain was just as just as Abel was. Both those boys came before God.

Cain wasn't a communist. He wasn't an infidel, an unbeliever. He was a believer. And if God only requires a believer, He would be unjust to condemn Cain.

WHY. I. AM. A. HOLY. ROLLER_ CHICAGO. IL SUNDAY_ 53-0830A

E-41 Now, this is going to make you tighten up your ecclesiastical vest just a little bit, but listen. Notice. God cannot be just. If you say, "I am a believer," so was Cain, and so is the devil. That's right. He came as a believer.

And you say, "Well, I go to church, I'll go to the altar. " So did Cain. Cain built an altar or a church unto the Lord. You say, "I'm a member of a church. " So was Cain. And Cain made a sacrifice. You say, "I pay so much every year into my church. " So did Cain.

"I worship the Lord from the bottom of my heart. " So did Cain. Cain was a believer, a worshipper, and just as fundamentally right as Abel was. Amen. Oh, I love this. I pray, God, steam our hearts.

Now, don't get excited; I know where I am. Look, but I feel kind of religious right now.

I. WILL. RESTORE_ OWENSBORO. KY TUESDAY_ 53-1110

E-12 Cain was a believer. Get on your shock proof vests now. Cain was a believer and a worshipper of God. If God only required a believer, Cain was just as just as Abel was.

And God would be unjust if He condemned Cain for his faith in Him and accepted Abel, if faith was all He required. All right. But Cain came and offered a sacrifice. Now, look. Cain built an altar, a church. Cain made a sacrifice, just same as Abel did. And Cain worshipped.

He never come as an unbeliever. He come as a believer. He raised up his hands and worshipped God just the same as Abel did. Well, if a church membership, an altar, a worship, a sacrifice is all God requires, then Cain was just as just as Abel was.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. ON. HEBREWS. 1_ JEFF. IN COD WEDNESDAY_ 57-0925 241-190 Now, let's take back to Cain. Could you tell me where that spirit and that meanness come from? If Cain. . . Look, if Cain was the son of Adam, which was a son of God, where did that evil come from?

The first thing when he was born, he hated; he was a murderer; he was jealous. And now, take the nature of his daddy, the very start in the beginning, Lucifer, and he was. . . In the beginning he was jealous of Michael, what started the whole trouble. How many knows that?

And Cain was the nature of his father, which he was jealous of his brother and slew him. That pure. . . That nature could not come out of that pure seed. It come, had to come out of this perverted stream. And notice, Cain, as soon as he was borned.

And then Abel was born after him, then she conceived by Adam, and he knew--knew her and she brought forth the son Abel. And Abel was a type of Christ; and when--when Abel was killed, Seth took his place: death, burial, and resurrection of Christ in type.

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242-192 But now, Cain worshipped, all of his carnal works, just like the carnal church today, they go to church; they worship. Cain worshipped; he wasn't an infidel; he wasn't a communist.

Cain was a believer; he went to God; he built an altar. He done every religious thing that Abel done, but he didn't have the spiritual revelation of the will of God. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. There you are. Do you see it?

He didn't have the spiritual revelation, and that's what's the matter with the church today. And Jesus said He'd build His church on that spiritual revelation. You get it? Oh, my, your eyes come open now. See? The spiritual revelation.

Cain come; he built an altar; he worshipped; he brought sacrifice; he knelt down; he praised God; he worshipped God; he done everything religious that Abel done. And God flatly refused him, because he didn't have the spiritual revelation.

ALL. THE. DAYS. OF. OUR. LIFE_ CHICAGO. IL FRIDAY_ 59-0612

E-19 Cain wanted to be religious, so he went and made his own religion. And when he did, he brought it before God with something like this: "Here's the best I got. This is all I can do about it. Now, take it or leave it. "

That's about the way man does today. "I helped build the church. I send my children to church there. I put money in it every year. And that's the best I can do. Take it or leave it. " Oh, see, he wants his own way. That's the way Cain did.

But God still loved him, and He still went after him. What did God tell Cain? "You'll do well if you'll just worship like your brother, Abel. " Abel come God's way. But Cain wanted his way. And God said, "Now, Cain, I've got nothing against you. If you'll just come over and go the way that Abel goes, you'll do well. "