

“Loving Each Other” – Sermon Notes

Feb. 4, 2024

1 John 3:11-18 – series: Joy Complete

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1. Share a time when the love of a Christian made a real difference in your life.
 2. Pastor Eric said that How does our “knowing Jesus” affect our intimacy with him and our obedience?
 3. Cain was not an atheist but a worshiper. So were the false teachers John is warning against. Instead of false theology or wrong religious practices, what test is John giving us for seeing a true believer? (vv17-18)
 4. If we realize we aren’t living up to that standard, what can we do?
 5. John says we are to be ready to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. The word for “life” here is *psuche*, often translated “soul.” How precious is a soul/life to God? How deserving of our compassion is he or she?
 6. v17 talks about the value or use of material possessions. Read 1 John 2:15 and Mark 8:36-37. What is of most value in this life? What then are the lesser things for?
 7. Share a time when you helped someone who was in need. Remember that needs can be physical like safety, housing and clothing, nutritional, emotional, relational, spiritual, and others.
- ➔ This week, pray for each other needs then ask if there is any way you can help with something.

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