

# You Know When It's Real

## LOVE OR DEATH: WHERE ARE YOU? (1 John 3:11-24)

### Introduction:

“What you \_\_\_\_\_ determines what you \_\_\_\_\_; what you \_\_\_\_\_ determines what you \_\_\_\_\_.”

“That we should love one another.” (3:11)

When it comes to the matter of love, there are **three** levels of relationships on which a person may live:

### I. Level One: A lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:11-15)

- The Cain Syndrome (Genesis 4:2b-8)

### II. Level Two: A lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:16-17)

- Christ's self-sacrifice proves...
- The believer's self-sacrifice proves...

“Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:7-8 (NIV)

“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.” Galatians 6:10 (NLT)

### III. Level Three: A lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:18-24)

- Three benefits of practicing Christian love:
  1. We will have greater \_\_\_\_\_ before God. (3:19-21)
  2. Our prayer life will be more \_\_\_\_\_. (3:21-22)
 

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you...Just as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love.” John 15:7, 10 (NASB)

“Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16 (NASB)
  3. We will gain a closer \_\_\_\_\_ with God. (3:23-24)
- The Christian's obligations: \_\_\_\_\_ toward God and \_\_\_\_\_ toward man. (1 John 3:23)
 

“Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” John 14:23 (NIV)
- The doctrine of indwelling of the Holy Spirit:
 

“And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given.” (1 John 3:24)

  - The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. (1 John 3:24; 4:13)
  - The Holy Spirit is also the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. (1 John 4:1-6)
  - The Holy Spirit is also the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. (1 John 5:6-8)

### Conclusion:

Where are you in this love and hate (death)?