

1 John 3:11-24 "For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹²not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²²And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. ²³And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. ²⁴Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

约翰一书 3:11 我們應當彼此相愛。這就是你們從起初所聽見的命令。 12 不可像該隱;他是屬那惡者,殺了他的兄弟。為什麼殺了他呢?因自己的行為是惡的,兄弟的行為是善的。13 弟兄們,世人若恨你們,不要以為希奇。 14 我們因為愛弟兄,就曉得是已經出死入生了。沒有愛心的,仍住在死中。 15 凡恨他弟兄的,就是殺人的;你們曉得凡殺人的,沒有永生存在他裡面。16 主為我們捨命,我們從此就知道何為愛;我們也當為弟兄捨命。 17 凡有世上財物的,看見弟兄窮乏,卻塞住憐恤的心,愛神的心怎能存在他裡面呢? 18 小子們哪,我們相愛,不要只在言語和舌頭上,總要在行為和誠實上。 19 從此就知道我們是屬真理的,並且我們的心在神面前可以安穩。 20 我們的心若責備我們,神比我們的心大,一切事沒有不知道的。 21 親愛的弟兄啊,我們的心若不責備我們,就可以向神坦然無懼了。 22 並且我們一切所求的,就從他得著;因為我們遵守他的命令,行他所喜悅的事。 23 神的命令就是叫我們信他兒子耶穌基督的名,且照他所賜給我們的命令彼此相愛。 24 遵守神命令的,就住在神裡面;神也住在他裡面。我們所以知道神住在我們裡面是因他所賜給我們的聖靈。

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Four Levels of Relationships Possible: 可能有的四个层次的关系:

1. The Heart of MURDER (vs 11-12) 谋杀的心 (11-12 节)

约翰福音 8:44 你們是出於你們的父魔鬼,你們父的私慾你們偏要行。他從起初是殺人的,不守真理,因他心裡沒有真理。他說謊是出於自己,因他本來是說謊的,也是說謊之人的父。

希伯来书 1:4 亞伯因著信,獻祭與神,比該隱所獻的更美,因此便得了稱義的見證,就是神指他禮物作的見證。他雖然死了,卻因這信,仍舊說話。

2. The Heart of <u>HATRED</u> (vs 13-15) 仇恨的心 (13-15 节)

马太福音 5:22 只是我告訴你們:凡(有古卷在凡字下加:無緣無故地)向弟兄動怒的,難免受審判;凡罵弟兄是拉加的,難免公會的審斷;凡罵弟兄是魔利的,難免地獄的火。

3. The Heart of INDIFFERENCE (vs 16-17) 冷淡的心 (16-17节)

罗马书 5:8 惟有基督在我們還作罪人的時候為我們死,神的愛就在此向我們顯明了。

Three things John says are factors in this: 约翰在这儿讲到三个因素:

a) He has <u>THE MEANS</u> to meet a need. 他有能力提供帮助

b) He is <u>AWARE</u> of a need 他知道有需要

c) He has <u>A HEART TO LOVE</u> 他有一颗去爱的心

The Fourth, the best ... 第四个层面,最好的

4. A Heart of CHRISTIAN LOVE (vs 18) 一颗充满基督的爱的心 (18 节)

雅各书 2:15 若是弟兄或是姐妹,赤身露體,又缺了日用的飲食; 2:16 你們中間有人對他們說:「平平安安的去吧! 願你們穿得暖,吃得飽」;卻不給他們身體所需用的,這有什麼益處呢?

Blessings of Loving with Christian Love: 基督的爱带来的祝福:

- 1. Assurance of OUR SALVATION (vs 19-20) (19-20 节) 我们的救恩有确据
- **2.** Answers to <u>OUR PRAYERS</u> (vs 21-22) (21-22 节) 我们的祷告蒙回应
- 3. Abiding resulting in FRUIT (vs 23-24) (23-24 节) 住在神里面常结果子