

Loving One Another-1 John (Part 1)

The Difficulty of Studying 1 John

A Suggested Outline

- ▶ Incarnation (1:1-4)
- ▶ *Fellowship (1:5-2:28)*
- ▶ *Sonship (2:29-4:6)*
- ▶ *Bringing Things Together (4:7-5:12)*
- ▶ Certainties (5:13-21)

Fellowship (1:5-2:28)

- ▶ Ethical Test of Fellowship (1:5-2:11)
 - ▶ Moral Likeness to God and Christ (1:5-7)
 - ▶ Confession of Sin (1:8-2:2)
 - ▶ Obedience and Love (2:3-11)
- ▶ Messages to 3 Groups in the Church (2:12-17)
- ▶ Doctrinal Test of Fellowship: One's View of Christ (2:18-28)

1. Loving Your Fellow Believer: The Mark of Being in Fellowship (2:9-11)

- The one who says that he is in the light, but continually hates his brother (v. 9)

- The one who loves one's brother (v. 10)

- The person who hates a believer is not in fellowship with God (v. 11)

Sonship (2:29-4:6)

- ▶ Ethical Test of Sonship (2:29-3:24)
 - ▶ Righteousness (2:29-3:10a)
 - ▶ Love (3:10b-24)***
- ▶ Doctrinal Test of Sonship : One's View of Christ (4:1-6)

2. Loving Your Fellow Believer: A Mark of Being a Child of God (3:10b-24)

- Seen negatively in the hatred of Cain (vv. 12-15)
- Seen positively in the love of our Lord Jesus (vv. 16-18)
- The assurance that love brings (vv. 19-20)
- The relationship that love brings (vv. 21-24)

Take-aways

Fellowship

- A person who continually hates another believer
- When we love our fellow believers

Sonship

- Hatred
- Love for one another
- The Lord Jesus
- Love

- When we love one another
- When we love one another
- The Holy Spirit