

First John

1 Jn. 3:11-18



Sonship



Fellowship



Fruitfulness

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18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.



6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.



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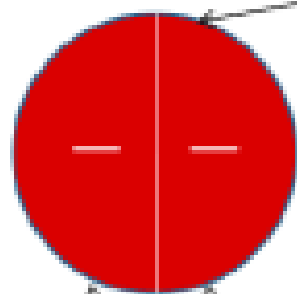
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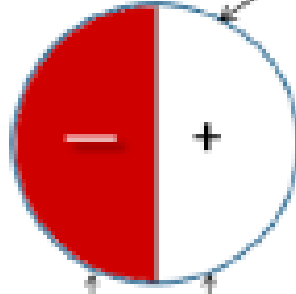
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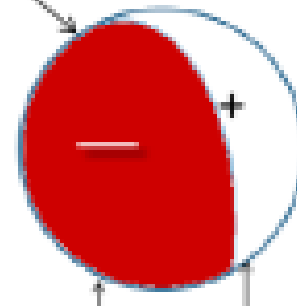
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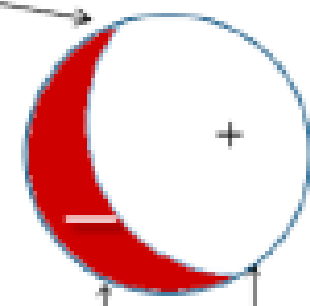
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ii. The Devil's seed, 3:10

2. New Love for Christ, 3:11-24

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(1) The public execration of that love, 3:11-13


(a) The message, 3:11

1 Jn. 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Jn. 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, **That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**

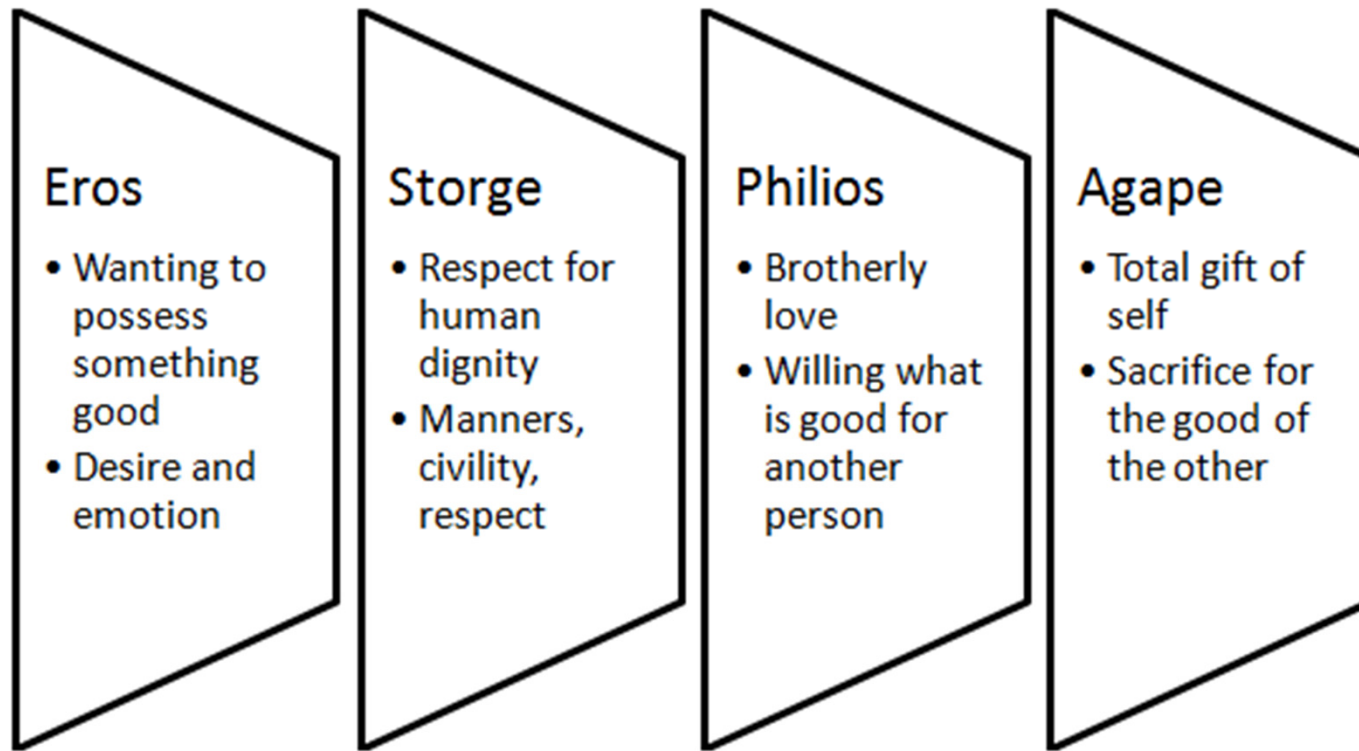
35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Jn. 15:12 This is my commandment, **That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**



1. Eros, or sexual passion
2. Philia, or deep friendship
3. Ludus, or playful love
4. Agape, or love for everyone
5. Pragma, or longstanding love
6. Philautia, or love of the self

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/happiness/the-ancient-greeks-6-words-for-love-and-why-knowing-them-can-change-your-life>



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(b) The murder, 3:12

1 Jn. 3:12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Gen. 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

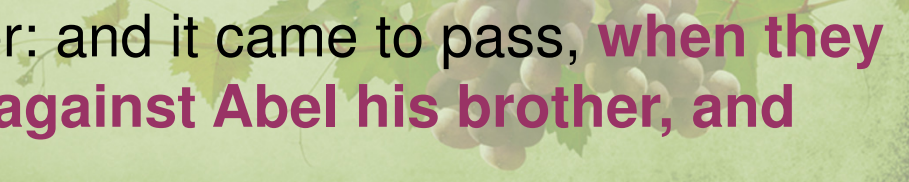
4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 **And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?**

7 **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.** And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, **when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.**



Jn. 8:40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. ...

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. ...

44 **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth,** because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Original Word: σφάζω

Transliteration: sphazó

Definition: I slay, kill by violence, slaughter, wound mortally.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4969.htm>



(c) The marvel, 3:13

1 Jn. 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

Original Word: θαυμάζω

Transliteration: thaumazó

Definition: (a) intrans: I wonder, marvel, (b) trans: I wonder at, admire.

thaumázō (from *thaúma*, "a wonder, marvel") – properly, wonder at, be amazed (marvel), i.e. astonished *out of one's senses*; *awestruck*, "wondering very greatly" (Souter); to cause "wonder; . . . to *regard* with amazement, and with a suggestion of *beginning to speculate* on the matter" <http://biblehub.com/greek/2296.htm>



Jn. 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. ...

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

Jn. 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

(2) The personal experience of that love,
3:14-15



(a) What we know, 3:14

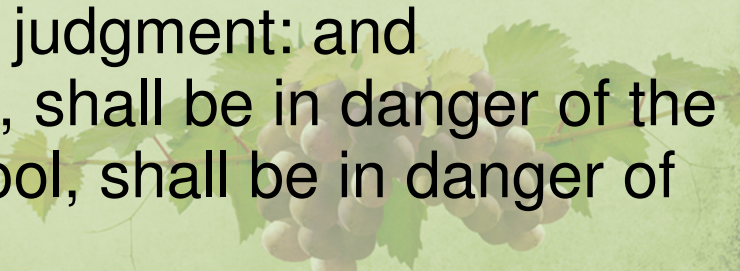
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(b) What we show, 3:15

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Mt. 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.



(3) The perfect example of that love, 3:16

(a) The love of the Christ, 3:16a

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us...”

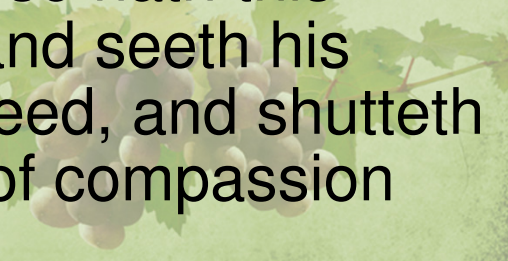
(b) The love of the Christian, 3:16b

“...and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

(4) The practical expression of that love, 3:17-18

(a) The callous man, 3:17

i. How he behaves himself, 3:17a “But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him...”



Jas. 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

ii. How he betrays himself,
3:17b "...how dwelleth the love
of God in him?"



Mt. 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

(b) The compassionate man, 3:18

i. Not by words alone, 3:18a “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue...”

ii. Not by works alone, 3:18b “...but in deed and in truth.”





Conclusion

Prov. 25:21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

Isa. 58:7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Mt. 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.



Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Rom. 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Gal. 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1 Tim. 6:18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Heb. 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.