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¹⁶ By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. ²³ And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in Him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Abide: "to remain **stable** or **fixed** in a **state**" (Merriam-Webster)

Contrasts in 1 John:

- Light v. Darkness (1:5)
- Truth v. Lies (1:6)
- Denial v. Confession (1:8-9)
- Obedience v. Disobedience (2:1-3)
- Knowledge v. Trust (2:4)
- Love for the World v. Love for the Father (2:5)
- Spirit of Christ v. Spirit of Antichrist (2:18, 22)
- Today: Love and Life v. Hatred and Death (3:11, 14)
- Today: Confidence v. Condemnation (3:20-21)

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- Cain represents the state of **hatred** within the kingdom of **death**
- Jesus represents the state of **love** within the kingdom of **life**

Two points to consider:

1. Hatred leads to **death**; Love leads to **life**
Love is sacrificing **your** needs for **others'** needs. Hatred is sacrificing **others'** needs for your **needs**.

2. The **dead** hate the **living**.

If we are not **hated**, is it because the **dead** don't know we're **alive**?

Ephesians 4:15

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ,

Luke 9:51-55

⁵¹ When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them.

John 13:34-35

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 3:16-18

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How do we often show the state of hatred?

1. We choose **indifference**
2. We withhold **forgiveness**
3. We mis-prioritize our **allegiance**

1 John 5:13

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

- **Legalism**: following Christ's commands to **gain** our salvation
- **Abiding**: following Christ's command to **demonstrate** our salvation

1 John 3:19-24

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Romans 8:1

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

A State of Abiding is:

- A state of **living, active love**
- A state of **assured confidence**