

1 John 5:13

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- ▶ Fisherman follows Jesus *John 1:35–40*
 - ▶ Disciple Whom Jesus Loved *John 13:23*
 - ▶ At the cross, *John 19:26-27*
 - ▶ At the empty tomb *John 20:2–9*
 - ▶ By the Sea of Tiberias *John 21:1, 20–23*
 - ▶ As the author of *John 21:24*
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- ▶ *1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

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- ▶ *Today’s Text: 1 John 3:11–15 (LSB)*
- ▶ *11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;*
- ▶ *12 not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous.*
- ▶ *13 Do not marvel, brothers, if the world hates you.*
- ▶ *14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. The one who does not love abides in death.*
- ▶ *15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

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- ▶ **a. An Authoritative Message. Vs. 11a**
- ▶ The Greek word ἀγγελία (**aggelia**) means “**message**,” it mean tidings, news, report, “announcement,” or “proclamation”, a principle declared.
- ▶ **b. An inspired message. Vs. 11b**
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- ▶ *You want to know someone who truly loves. Look at how much they serve, even though they should be the one served. That’s our Lord. And here’s what’s crazy. He even washed Judas’s feet and Judas was possessed by Satan. That’s how much He loved. He washed the one who would betray and lead to His death. That’s how much He loved.*

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▶ **iii. We are identified/marked by Christ’s Love – 3rd aspect to the message**

▶ *What is the mark of a Christian?*

▶ *Tattoos? Leviticus 19:28*

- ▶ *In 1970, noted Christian apologist, evangelist, and author Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984) introduced his book “The Mark of the Christian.”*

▶ *John 13:33–35*

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 - ▶ a. **Cain could never be an example of love. Vs. 12a**
 - ▶ *Genesis 3:15*
 - ▶ b. **The inner desire is equal to the outward act. Vs. 12b**
 - ▶ *Luke 10:29*
 - ▶ *Genesis 4:7*

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 - ▶ c. What was Cain’s sin? Vs. 12c
 - ▶ *Hebrews 11:4*

At this point, I’d like to thank and acknowledge the classes that I attended at Pastoral Training Seminary — the module on 1John by Pastor Rob Anthony and the study material he had given to us as students.

- ▶ Cain killing Abel was much more than a murder.
- ▶ This Greek word ‘*sphazw*’ means a ritual killing - “murdered” (σφάζω, *sphazō*) literally means “to slaughter, to butcher, to cut the throat.”

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 - ▶ *Acts 7:54*
 - ▶ *Matthew 5:21–22*

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- ▶ 4. A Real relationship with God Vs. 14-15
- ▶ “*We know*” is mentioned some 17 times in 1 John
 - ▶ *we know* that we are in Him (1John 2:5)
 - ▶ *we know* that it is the last hour. (1 John 2:18)
 - ▶ *We know* by this that He abides in us, (1 John 3:24)
 - ▶ *we know* that He hears us in whatever we ask, (1 John 5:15)

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- ▶ **4. A Real relationship with God** Vs. 14-15
- ▶ *We know that* *we have passed out of death into life, (1 John 3:14)*
 - ▶ a. **Loving indicates life.** Vs. 3:14a
 - ▶ b. **Hating indicates death.** Vs. 3:14b
 - ▶ c. **Love does not hate. Vs. 15**
 - ▶ *Prov 10:12*
 - ▶ *1 Peter 4:8*

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John MacArthur – Strength for Today – The Importance of Brotherly Love

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“Let love of the brethren continue” (Hebrews 13:1).

Genuine love among Christians is a testimony to the world, to ourselves, and to God.

The importance of brotherly love extends well beyond the walls of your local church or fellowship hall. In *John 13:35* Jesus says, ***“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*** In effect, God has made love for one another the measuring stick by which the world can determine if our Christian profession is genuine. That’s why it’s so important that we have a selfless attitude and sincerely place the interests of our brothers and sisters in Christ ahead of our own.

Ask the Lord’s forgiveness for times when you did not show brotherly love or when you were reluctant to help another Christian in need.

