

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John
The Conquering Power of Love
1 John 3:11-24

“By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

1 John 3:16

Main Point: New life in God is characterized by righteousness and love.

“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.”

John 13:34

Point One: Lust is to adultery as hatred is to murder.

The command: “...love one another.” (3:11)

However...

The moment we show sacrificial love to others, the response from the world will be hatred.

Hate (hatred)- a feeling of hostility; to dislike strongly; to detest, revile; the opposite of God’s divine love.

“I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment...”

Matthew 5:22

Point Two: True love sacrifices.

How am I to sacrifice?

- Laying down the right to myself (3:16)
- Giving of my resources (3:17)
- Through actions (3:18)

The finest example of sacrificial love was
that of Jesus Christ Himself.

“Love requires more than idle talk or exalted
theology.”

-Glenn W.

Barker

Point Three: We can stand confidently
before God...now!

*“There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 8:1

The evidence that we are free of condemnation
is the Spirit of God in us!

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Next week: Do Not be Deceived 1 John 4:1-6