

“Jesus’ Love Never Fails”

“The Absence of Love”

1 John 3:11-24

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Conflict is inevitable. What you do with it is telling.

1) WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER (1 John 3:11-17)

2) WITH ACTIONS NOT JUST WORDS (1 John 3:18-24a)

3) IT'S HOLY SPIRIT, NOT JUST ME (1 John 3:24b)

Sermon Notes

Consider Memorizing

‘Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if we don’t feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. ‘

(1 John 3:18-21, NLT)

Sermon based questions for further reflection:

- 1.RECONNECT... i) What was the high point of your week?
 ii) What was the low point of your week?

2.RECAP... Review the passage and [the message from this Sunday](#).
What is [1 John 3:11–24](#) about, in your own words?

i)What are listed among the greatest successes of your life?
Are there any failures?

ii)Why does John use the account of Cain & Abel here? ([Gen. 4:1-12](#))
Where do you see “Cain-like” attitudes in yourself?

iii)What is the connection between ‘what I believe’, ‘how I feel’ & ‘what I do’?
...how does one “take every thought captive”? ([2 Cor. 10:5](#))
...what does it mean for my mind to be “renewed”? ([Rom. 12:2](#))

iv)In what ways does Holy Spirit assure us in our faith? (*1 John 3:24b*)
[Romans 8:16; Hebrews 10:15-25; Essay “The Witness of the HS to Our Sonship”](#)

2.REVIEW ...What is Jesus speaking to you about from this passage
and this discussion? (write it out...)

3.RESPOND... what are you willing to do about the things that Jesus
is speaking to you about? (write it out... calendar it?)

Some words to help you pray...

Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy.

Give us hearts pure love, born of your love to us, that we may love others as you love us.

*O most loving Father of Jesus Christ, from whom flows all love, let our hearts,
frozen in sin, cold to you, and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire.*

So help and bless us in your Son. Amen (St. Anselm (1033-1109))

Zondervan/Maranatha “The NIV Worship Bible” p. 1651

Some questions adapted from “NIV Serendipity Bible” p.1713