
Essential Christianity: ***No Room for Hate***

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It's Too Easy to Hate

¹¹ This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous.

Hate Is My Sin Nature's Most Powerful
and Destructive Emotion

¹³ So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

Hate Destroys Potential

^{14a} If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life.

Hate Is So Prevalent, That the Evidence I Am No Longer
Being Controlled by Hate Is That I Am
No Longer of / Like This World

“I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.” *John 17:14, NLT*

How Do I Know I Have this New Life?

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” *Galatians 5:22–23, NLT*

^{14b} but a person who has no love is still dead.

Hate Is the Essence of Murder

¹⁵ Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

The Church Has Taken Up the World's Way of
Standing Against, Instead of Standing For

The Battle of Grace / Truth

Authentic Love

¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

This is Authentic Love: Sacrifice Without Thought of
Return Payment

Who, In My Life, Am I To Grant Grace and Love

Despite the Truth of Their Character?

¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

I Choose to Be Loving to Sinners, The Marginalized, The Poor, The Rejected, The Different, Those Who Are Not Like Me as Well as Those Who Don't Like Me, Because Jesus Loves Me Enough to Give Me A Life of Privilege

Love Check

¹⁸ Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.