



LOVE ISN'T PINK 1 JOHN 3:11-18

Background

Date: 80's Author/Reader: Apostle John/Circular Letter

Occasion: Firm faith against seductive false teaching

Theme: Live in the Light. Christ is the Light.

Tone: A father's heart to clarify, assure, gird, and guide

¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, ¹⁴ that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever 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.

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..” (1John 3:11-18ESV)

“Love One Another” is the Message

Love Story #1—Cain and Abel

First Lesson from this story

Second Lesson from this story

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Sermon Audio found online: fbccorvallis.org

Love Story #2—Jesus Laid down His life

SO WHAT?

Fill in the blanks of Love

HATE

LOVE

Lay it down, BIG & SMALL

Going Deeper

(For individual or small groups to go deeper with the passage)

1. Why does Love seem so nebulous in our culture? Why does it seem weak and fluffy?
2. Why is “not like Cain” not just a joke? How is murder not only evil but the opposite of love?
3. Add to the list of contrasts between love and hate or love and unlove.
4. How is taking the opposite of giving,? Where do you find it difficult to give people what they really need?
5. What gifts can you lay down on the table, big and small that will glorify God, bless others and follow the example of Jesus?