

Expressing Love I John 3:10-23

New Vision Church exists to transform people and their communities by replicating followers of the biblical Jesus by expressing love, equipping believers, empowering service and evangelizing near and far.

I. Love is a mark of God's children I John 3:10-12

A. The mark of the godly and the godless (10)

10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

B. Love is the message of God (11-13)

11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you

II. Love is a mark of regeneration I John 3:14,15

A. Love is the evidence of New Life (14a)

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren.

B. Love is not hateful (14b,15)

He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

III. Love is more than a word I John 3:16-23

A. Love is sacrificial (16,17)

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Acronym LOVE

LOOK for opportunities to help others

OFFER yourself as a living sacrifice

VALUE others

EXPRESS your love with a kind act.

B. Love is not condemning (18-21)

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

C. Love is keeping his commandments (22,23)

22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Conclusion

I. Love is a mark of God's children.

II. Love is a mark of regeneration.

III. Love is more than a word.