

# Love, Hate, And The Example Of Christ

## 1 John 3:11-18

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**Thesis:** The temptation to move from love to hate is a battle that we as Christians will fight in our lives. But love and hate lead to radically different ways that we live our lives and radically different fates. Hate has no place in the body of Christ and will make you miss the purpose of God for your life.

A. Live in love, not like Cain nor for the approval of Cain (vs. 11-13).

1. Two elements of living in love

a. Righteous living out of love for God

b. Service-oriented living out of love for others

2. Living like Cain begins with jealousy.

3. Living for the approval of Cain means living for those who want your death.

B. Love comes from Christ and leads to eternal life and radical service (vs. 14, 16).

C. Hate comes from the devil and leads to murder and eternal death (vs. 15).

D. Christ's love helps us see God's purpose for our work and possessions (vs. 17-18).