

Love One Another Part 3!

KJV 1 John 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Either we love our brothers and sisters in Christ or we don't!

There is no gray area where the love of God is concerned since God is love!

A brother is considered the closest relationship two people can have.

Men and women (like Adam & Eve) are opposites and are naturally attracted to each other.

But brothers are equals, of the same sex and therefore have similar hopes, dreams and desires.

Brothers are also brothers because they share the same blood.

There is no bond (outside marriage) as strong as the bond between brothers—not even sisters.

Adam and Eve didn't have **sisters!** They had **brothers** and Cain felt the need to compete with his brother Abel.

Abel's success in life and with God made Cain feel inferior and unloved—so he killed his brother eliminating the competition.

Cain's jealousy led to hatred of his brother and released the spirit of murder into the world.

ESV Leviticus 19:17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

Hatred is to “turn away from,” to “detest and feel hostility toward”, biblically in means “to love less than required.”

If it were impossible for a Christian to hate another Christian John would not have said (his brother).

Have you noticed sporting events first involved men first!

Men love to **compete against one another—they can't help it!**

Jesus comes along and says love your brother sacrificially!

This is exactly opposite to the spirit of competition because sacrificial love says I have to help my brother succeed at all costs!

NAB 1 John 3:13 Do not be amazed brothers, if the world hates you.

There should be no surprise if the world hates the believer, but if a believer hates another believer—his brother this should be **amazing!**

In fact John goes on to say...

14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death.

John says we can tell the The Light of God's Word as transformed our hearts and we're in The Kingdom because we love other believer's.

And whoever doesn't love their fellow Christian **remains in darkness.**

They're spiritually dead, do not have eternal life and is on their way to hell if they don't repent and receive the Love of God in their hearts.

1 John 3:15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

John is making a powerful statement here! Hatred of another believer **(a brother)** is considered **murder!**

He says **not** to be amazed if the world hates Christians, but it is amazing when a believer hates another believer!

He's not saying it's impossible because king David was considered a murderer and he loved God!

David was God's anointed yet he killed Uriah because he was in competition for his lust for Bathsheba!

David competed with a man for his own wife!

Uriah who was fighting for Israel and David's kingdom became David's enemy because he wanted his wife. A brother becomes an enemy when we want what he has!

KJV James 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

We don't have to **compete** with one another when God blesses your brother or sister be happy for them!

If it's what you wanted and needs ask The Father to release it into your life—why don't have to fight another brother for what he has!

After David killed Uriah the prophet Nathan came to him and said:

This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: **1 Samuel 12:7-9**

'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms.

8 I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.

9 Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

God had given David everything He promised him and more!

God says if this wasn't enough I would have given even more all you have to do is ask—you have not because you ask not!

Is it because it looks easier to take from our brothers and sisters?

Is it because we lack the faith to receive it from God?

Or is it because we are murderers and hate the brethren?

By Law David should have been stoned as a murderer!

David wasn't stoned but the consequences of his actions stayed in his family!

Competition leads to pride, jealousy and murder rather than humility, love and building one another up!

KJV Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

A true friend will love us in good times and bad, but a true brother will fight with us through hard times.

