



Be Loved and Love

1 John 3:11-18 NIV

1. JESUS COMMANDS A _____.

1 John 3:11 *For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.*

Luke 6:32–36 *“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”*

2. THIS NEW LOVE ISN'T ALWAYS _____.

1 John 3:12-13 *Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.*

Cain and Abel typified the spiritual warfare we're in.

Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.*

John 15:18–19 **ESV** *If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

3. NEW LIFE _____ NEW LOVE.

1 John 3:14-15 *We know that we have passed from **death** (thanatos) to **life** (zoe), because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in **death** (thanatos). Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal **life** (zoe) residing in him.*

1 John 4:19 *We love because He first loved us.*

4. JESUS DID _____ FOR YOUR NEW LIFE.

1 John 3:16a *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.*

1 Peter 3:18 NIV84 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit...*

All we do is receive the gift of new life through faith.

John 5:24 *Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal **life** (zoe) and will not be judged but has crossed over from **death** (thanatos) to **life** (zoe).*

5. RECEIVE NEW LIFE, THEN _____.

1 John 3:16b-18 *And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

God provides for us as we learn cheerfully to do good works.

2 Cor. 9:6-8 ESV *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*