

Phony Love

I John 3:11-18

Introduction:

1. Phony Love _____ with the clear guidelines of love given in the Bible 11

Romans 5:5 *the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

1Thessalonians 4:9 *as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another*

John 13:35 *"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

Philippians 1:9 *this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment*

2. Phony Love _____ itself through evil deeds 12

A. Cain was not born again

John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.*

B. Cain hated God and His laws

C. Cain was jealous of Abel's righteousness

John 3:19-20: *...the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*

3. Phony Love is a _____ for a heart of hatred 13-15

Matthew 5:21 *You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' 22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.*

4. Phony love _____ the mark of true sacrifice 16-18

A. Phony love doesn't sacrifice ones _____ 16

1 Peter 2:21 *Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps*

1. Christ's death was the greatest possible sacrifice

John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.*

2. Christ's death meets our greatest need

1 Corinthians 13:3 *if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing*

3. Christ's death demonstrates the highest motive

John 12:28

Hebrews in 12:2

- B. Phony love doesn't sacrifice _____ 17

Galatians 6:10 *while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*

- C. Phony makes a show of words but does not sacrifice _____ or Tasks according to Truth 18

Conclusion:

1. Loving others is _____

2. _____ at loving others continually

1Peter 4:8 *Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.*

3. Love involves _____ to self

4. You can't love others, until God _____ loves you