

BOOK OF 1 JOHN

Lesson #10 -The Outworking of Love

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-23

Introduction:

1. In our previous lesson we discussed some of the pitfalls of not having love.
2. There is great responsibility and reward that comes with loving the brethren.

I. RESPONSIBILITY TO LOVE THE BRETHREN

A. FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS -vs 16

1. He laid His life down for us -Jn 10:11-13, 17-18
2. We follow by laying our lives down for the brethren.
 - a. This can be literal
 - b. In context, we help one another with our resources

B. PUTTING LOVE INTO ACTION -vs 17, 18

1. According to one's means to help his brother or sister
2. He must not close his heart to him -Cf. Ja 2:14-ff
3. We must love in deed and in truth

II. REWARD OF SHOWING LOVE

A. WE ARE OF THE TRUTH

1. Our conscience is in tune with God's word
2. When we show God's love to other, we have confidence before God

B. WE ARE OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS -vs 22-24

1. His two-fold commandment:
 - a. Believe in Jesus
 - b. Love one another
2. We receive what we ask according to His will -1Jn 5:14
3. We abide in Him-vs. 24

Conclusion:

1. When we love as we ought we have no fears mentioned in our former lesson.
 - a. Children of the devil
 - b. Imitating Cain
 - c. Being a murderer
2. Close with Psalms 133:1-3