

**Fundamentals of Faith.
Talk is Cheap, Sacrifice is Costly**

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

Love for one's brothers and sisters is an essential mark of a follow of Jesus.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3

12 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. 1 John 3:12

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. Matthew 5:21-22

In Christ's opinion, the only difference between hatred and murder is the action itself.

Even our apathy toward those in need is a form of hatred.

13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. 1 John 3:13-15

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

Jesus is the antidote to hatred and generosity is the only cure for selfishness.

17 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? 1 John 3:17

18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

Generosity toward others is the best way to communicate to God that the truth of His gospel has taken root in our lives.