

1John3:11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

3:12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

3:13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

From today's sermon.

In chapter 3, we began with the words, "Consider how great a gift of love the Father has given us, that we should be called the sons of God. We are already sons of God," began chapter 3, and our hope was that when Jesus would appear in the future, we would see Him as He is and we would become like Him. The Holy Spirit indwelt us and we were put into a way of life in which we are always connected to Christ and aspire to this person. In this way of life, "love your brother" is the natural course, but how many of us have strayed from this truth in the midst of sin and the deception of the devil?

Like Cain, those who are aware of their own wickedness are tormented by destructive thoughts to the point where they feel they have no place to stand but to eliminate the righteous. The world hates you, brothers. Do not be surprised if the world hates you. It is true.

But we know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Those who do not love remain in death," the Bible asserts.

He laid down His life for us. By it we have learned the meaning of love. Therefore we also ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The only thing we need to know in order not to go astray and do something crazy is to know the Lord and His love. If we abide in His love, good deeds will come forth and we will abide in life.

I hope everyone has been well in these dreary days of the rainy season.

Finally, tomorrow is July, and the second half of this year will begin. The opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics will be held on the 26th. As we head into summer, please take care to stay hydrated and avoid heat stroke.

Now, we are reading from 1 John chapter 3.

3:1 "Consider how much love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called sons of God. We began chapter 3 with "We are already sons of God," and our hope was that when Jesus would appear in the future, we would see Him as He is and we would be like Him. The Holy Spirit indwelt us and we were put into a way of life in which we are always connected to Christ and aspire to this person. In this way of life, "love your brother" is the natural course, but how many of us have strayed from this truth in the midst of sin and the deception of the devil?

11 We ought to love one another. For this is the doctrine which ye have heard from the beginning, that ye ought to love one another.

3:12 Do not be like Cain. For he went out from the wicked and killed his brother. Why did he kill his brother? Because his deeds were evil and his brother's deeds were righteous.

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Cain's offering was not accepted because God was watching his heart and his deeds.

Psalm 51:16 You do not like sacrifices. Even if I were to offer a burnt offering, You would not be pleased.

51:17 The sacrifice that God accepts is a broken soul. O God, You will not redeem a broken and contrite heart.

Matthew 5:21 For to the people of old it was said, "Do not kill, for he who kills will not be tried. You have heard that it was said, 'He who kills must stand trial.

5:22 But I say to you. 5:22 But I say unto you, Whosoever is angry with his brother must stand trial; and whosoever shall say unto his brother, He is a fool. And whosoever shall say unto his brother, He is a fool, shall be brought before the assembly. And whoever calls him a fool shall be thrown into the fire of hell.

5:23 Therefore, if you are about to present an offering on the altar, and you remember that

your brother has something against you

5:24 Leave the offering before the altar, and go and be reconciled to your brother, and then return and present your offering.

5:25 When you go on your way with the one who is suing you, make peace with him quickly on the way. Otherwise he who accuses you will give you to the judge, and the judge to his underlings, and you will be put in prison.

Proverbs 17:9.

[New Revised Version, Revision 3

The heart of man is more insidious than anything else, and it cannot be mended. Who can know it?

[Oral translation] The heart is falser than all things.

The heart is more deceitful than all things, and is very wicked. Who can know it well?

[New Common Translation

For the heart of man is more than anything else, and is sick with an inscrutable disease. Who can know it?

In Matthew 5, Jesus said, "I am the Lord your God, and you are the Lord my God.

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Who is there who is not angry with others? Who among us does not harbor even the slightest bit of resentment toward others? We know that we are all sinners and must suffer the penalty of death.

3:12 Do not be like Cain. For he went out from the wicked and killed his brother. Why did he kill his brother? Because his deeds were evil and his brother's deeds were righteous.

Sibling rivalry is sometimes fierce. Brothers are always rivals. The older brother, especially

the older one, feels a lot of stress when he is unable to put on a good front for the younger one.

The younger brother is doing well while his own karma is bad and things are not going well. He received God's offering for his brother, but he did not receive his own offering. He was muddied in the face. He should have asked God about this, and in doing so he had the opportunity to correct his heart before the One who sees even into his heart, but he does not do so and kills his brother out of recrimination. Cain developed a fierce hatred for his brother, who seemed to be in smooth sailing, not falling into error, going right with God, and receiving blessings.

But this is not limited to him, but is the weakness of all who are in sin.

3:11 For this is the instruction you have heard from the beginning, to love one another.

3:12 Do not be like Cain. He belonged to the wicked and killed his brother. Why did he kill? Because his own deeds were evil and his brothers' deeds were righteous.

3:13 Therefore, brothers, do not be surprised if the world hates you.

Do not be surprised if the world hates you. Not only does the world not know us, not only does it not understand us, not only does it not understand us, not only does it not understand us, but it hates us, it hates us so much that Cain hated his brother Abel and killed him. The Bible tells us that we should not be surprised to learn of their hatred toward us. Therefore, our walk is not to be like that, but to "love one another. We are to recognize each other's wrongs, forgive each other, and build up each other's virtues.

Galatians 5:13 Brethren. You were called, indeed, that you might have liberty. But do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh to work, but serve one another in love.

5:14 For the whole law is this one phrase, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

5:15 Be careful! For if you bite and devour one another, you will be destroyed one by one.

5:16 I command you, walk by the Spirit. 5:16 I command you, walk by the Spirit, and you will never fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

5:17 For the lust of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the lust of the Spirit is against the flesh. Thus the two are mutually opposed, and the result is that you will not be able to do what you think you are going to do.

5:18 For if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law: but if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are under the law.

5:19 The works of the flesh are evident. 5:19 For the works of the flesh are evident, namely,

licentiousness, uncleanness, and partiality,

5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, enmity, strife, jealousy, wrath, partisanship, division, and faction,

5:21 envy, drunkenness, revelry, and the like. As I have said it before, so I say it now in advance. For whoever does these things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, longsuffering, goodness, faithfulness,

5:23 meekness, and self-control; and there is no law that denies them.

5:24 For he that belongeth to Christ Jesus hath crucified his flesh with his affections and lusts.

5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also go forward by the Spirit.

5:26 Let us not live in vain, neither let us make sport of one another, nor envy one another, but let us live by the Spirit, and let us live by the Spirit.

1 John 2:17 The world and the lusts of the world will pass away. But he who does the will of God abides forever.

I hope that we will not be deceived by the thoughts of the world, and that we will not think "an eye for an eye," but that we will desire God's will and do it.

Matthew 5:38 And you have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

5:39 But I say to you. Do not strike out against the wicked. If anyone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other cheek also.

5:40 If any man plead against thee, and take thy underclothes, give him also his coat.

5:41 If any man would have thee go a mile, go with him two miles.

5:42 Give to him who asks, and do not refuse him who seeks to borrow.

5:43 For you have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

5:44 But I say to you. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

5:45 That ye may thus become the sons of your Father which is in heaven. For your Father in heaven makes the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

5:46 What reward is there for loving those who love you? For what reward is there for loving those who love you?

5:47 What good is it if you greet only your brothers? For even the Gentiles do such things.

5:48 Therefore be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

3:14 For we know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brother. He

who does not love remains in death.

3:15 For ye know that every one that hateth his brother is a murderer: and every murderer abideth not in him eternal life.

How do we desire to live in relation to what God has spoken by sending Jesus to obtain life and to do the work of salvation? Do we know the meaning contained in His Word, do we earnestly desire to walk in salvation, and do we believe that we are saved simply by His glorious work of salvation? If so, then we abide in the love that we have for our brothers. No matter how much jealousy, rivalry, or envy we may have within us, because of God's love for us, because of our salvation, we are able to set aside the thoughts of our hearts and aspire to love. Then we can know that we have moved from death to life. If we are not led by God, then we are in our natural nature, and the Bible says that we belong to the devil's children who are going through sin.

3:16 He laid down His life for us. For by this we have known the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, and in Him we have eternal life. Therefore we also ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

We have been forgiven, cleansed, strengthened, empowered, and separated from the deceitfulness and opposition of evil, taught by Jesus what love is, and now exalted and exalted by Him to do good works. This is because of Jesus' example of love.

3:17 How can the love of God be in him who has the riches of the world and yet closes his heart in mercy when he sees his brother in need?

3:18 Children. Let us love one another not with words or with our lips only, but with deeds and with truth.

The opportunity we have been given to come to know that love of God is not to be kept just for ourselves, not to be kept in head knowledge, but to lead us to deeds where God's love lives, where it cannot help but be done for those who truly know Jesus. Our life as a living tree is open to us, not just words and talk, but deeds and truths that we put into practice, that give birth to the body of such good deeds.

Matthew 7.

7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. Seek, and you will find. Knock at the gate, and it shall be opened unto you.

7:8 For every one that seeketh shall find; and he that seeketh shall find; and he that knocketh at the gate shall have it opened unto him.

7:9 Who among you gives a stone to his son who asks for bread?

7:10 Who among you gives a serpent when his son asks for fish?

7:11 For if ye know that ye give good gifts to your children, even though ye are evil, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven not give good things to them that ask him?

7:12 Therefore, whatever you wish to have done from people, do it to them. This is the law and the prophets.

7:16 And you will recognize them by their fruits. For who gathers grapes from thorns and figs from thistles?

7:17 So every good tree yields good fruit, and every bad tree yields bad fruit.

7:18 For a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, nor can an evil tree bring forth good fruit.

7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

7:20 Thus you will judge them by their fruit.

7:21 Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will be in heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven.

7:22 In that day shall many say unto me, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And have we not cast out demons in your name, and have we not done many mighty works in your name?

7:23 Then I will say unto them plainly, I know you not at all: for I am the LORD your God, and I am the LORD your God. Go away, you workers of iniquity!

7:24 So let those who hear these words of mine and do them be compared to a wise man who built his house upon a rock.

7:25 Though the rain fall, and the floods rush in, and the winds blow and beat against his house, it will not fall down. For the rock is his foundation.

7:26 And let him who hears these words of mine and does not do them be compared to a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.

7:27 And when the rain falls, and the floods rush in, and the winds blow and beat against his house, it shall fall down. And the manner of its falling is terrible."

7:28 When Jesus had finished speaking these words, the crowd was terribly amazed at his teaching.

7:29 For he did not teach like the scribes, but like one in authority.

Prayer; Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. We had lost our way without knowing true love, hated others, abandoned efforts to understand, and acted as if we were the first priority, but Jesus laid down his life for us to show us the extent of his love. In a world swirling with hatred, where people continue to ignore justice and cover up the stink by killing the

righteous rather than correcting their own bad behavior, please let us this week follow the life of Jesus, who forgave and loved his enemies as did the Lord who laid down his life for us. Please lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.