

SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS

(1 John 3:11-17) pt 3

I. THE BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP (1 John 1:1-2:27)... the essence of enjoying fellowship with God is learning to Abide In God's Light

God is light & in Him is no darkness at all—if we abide in His light we can have fellowship one with another & the blood of Christ continually cleanses us from all sin (1:7)

II. THE BEHAVIOR OF SONSHIP (1 John 2:28-5:21)... here the essence is learning to Abide in God's Love.

A. The Contrasts of Behavior Concerning Opposing Families (3:4-12).....Review

- The *marks* of true believers reiterated:

1. They walk in the _____(1:7)

2. They keep God's _____ or His word (2:3)

3. They walk as _____ walked—to _____ God (2:6)

4. They no longer are to love the _____ (2:15-17)

5. They practice _____ (2:29)

6. They do not habitually _____ in sin (3:9)

7. They are to love _____ as Christ has loved them demonstrating they are true _____ of Christ (3:11)

B. Love is God's Way (3:13-17)

1. Don't marvel my brethren, if the world _____ you! (3:13a)

* Why would this be?

2. We know (realize or understand) that since we have _____ (perfect, indicative) from spiritual death unto spiritual life, we now have (present, indicative) a _____ for the brethren. (3:14a)

3. This love is the by-product of _____ in Christ and the Christian _____ in Christ & walking with Him. (1 John 2:10; 4:7-8, 12)

4. He who does not love His brother _____ in _____. (3:14b)

5. Whoever hates his brother is a _____ ! (3:15a)

6. And you know that no murderer has _____ abiding in him. (3:15b)

- What does this verse mean?

7. “No one who is under the control of the _____ of God, by means of the _____ of God can demonstrate _____ leading to _____. Why? Because “_____ does no _____ to his neighbor!” (Romans 13:10a)

* 3 things to note concerning 1 John 3:15:

1) When a believer is hating another—he can not love them at the _____ !

2) The term “eternal life” can be interchanged with _____ (cf 1:2; 5:11-12)

3) The condition for fruitfulness in the Christian life is that we must _____ in Christ or walk in _____ with Him -- then He will _____ in us—if we don't abide in Christ he won't _____ in us

8. One can be saved & hate, but one cannot be living by the power of the _____ in Christ & _____ another at the same time!

1 John 3:16—the divine illustration to look to

1 John 3:17—the application for you

A final example --Luke 10:25-37