

Series "Following After God"
"The Formula For Life"
1 John 3:11-18
Study-9

Luke 6:45

"The Formula for Life" is referring to "God's Love" 1 John 3:11

John's Great Truth is, "That Love Proves Life!"

We are going to look at a 6-point description of Love.

1. Verse 11 – Love Is From The Beginning:

1 John 3:11

1 John 3:10

practice righteousness 4-10 Righteous Living:

love his brother. 11-24 Righteous Loving:

1 John 2:28-3:10 Maintaining Righteousness:

1 John 3:11-4:21 Maintaining Love:

John Presents 3 Tests:

1. The Moral Test:
2. The Social Test:
3. The Doctrinal Test:

For this is the message "the heart and substance, the basic duty, the summary of Christian theology"

John 15:12

The Law of Recurrence: Mention it, leave it only to return to add to it and develop it more fully. (1 John 2:7-11) (1 John 3:11-18)

First Mention of "Love" Is The Offering Up Of Isaac: Gen 22:2

Lev 19:18

2. Verse 12 – Love Is Hated By The World:

1 John 3:12

Wrong Example: not as Cain,

John 8:44

Gen 4:1-10

Cain Rejected God's Revelation: Gen 3:21

Cain Was Angry That God Rejected His Offering: Gen 4:5

Cain Was Jealous Of Able: Gen 4:5

Heb 11:4.

Cain's Rejection of God, Anger, Jealousy Led To Hatred:

3. Verse 13 – Love Is Not Of This World:

1 John 3:13

Do not marvel; the word means, "to be in wonder"; The idea is, "Did you see what I just saw?"

brethren, if the world hates you. (Cain-Spirit is not dead but in our world)

The Christian life lived out is a judgment against the world! John 15:18-19

Reality Check: 1 John 3:13 Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you.

4. Verses 14-15 – Love Is Evidence Of Salvation:

1 John 3:14

We know; "a certainty, this is a known fact, a common knowledge that a genuine Christian possesses."

Proof Of Life: because we love the brethren. Greek present tense – "We keep on loving the brethren"

Matt 5:46

Loving Our Brother Is a Matter of Light and Darkness: 1 John 2:9-11

Loving Our Brother Is a Matter of Life and Death: He who does not love abides in death.

Titus 3:3

1 John 3:15

hates – Present tense “hatred is the way of life, lifestyle, you’re a hater”

Matt 5:21-26

5. Verse 16 – Love Is Sacrificial:

1 John 3:16

1 John 3:16 & John 3:16

John 3:16

Romans 5:6

Romans 5:8

2 Cor 5:14-15

The Christian is a Debtor not a Creditor.

John 15:12-13

6. Verses 17-18 – Love Is Action:

1 John 3:17

beholds – word Theater “To be a spectator, to see”

and closes his heart against him, The idea of “slams the door, shutting down, to close down ones heart to the need of another.”

1 John 3:18

but in deed and truth; The actions are what reveals love not just the words.

Gal 4:16

Truth – we must never divorce truth from love, they go together.

Eph 4:15

Application:

The Devil Has a Plan for Your Life: By Paul Fritz

1. Doubt - To make you question God's word and His goodness;
2. Discouragement - To make you look at your problems rather than at God;
3. Diversion - To make the wrong things seems attractive so that you will want them more than the right things;
4. Defeat - To make you feel like a failure so that you don't even try;
5. Delay - To make you put off doing something so that it never gets done.