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## Part 2

### 1John3:15-24

*15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*

### "The destiny of our relationship with God - cont'd"

V15-17 Why does John equate the hating of one's brethren to murder?

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What is the simplest form of hatred that John describes, and why? How does it challenge the ministry of the church, then and now?

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John reminds the church of the example set for us by the Lord Jesus himself. What is the significance of "laying down" our life as an integral part of love?

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Give some examples of how we would show this love of sacrifice towards one another? Support your argument with scripture.

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V18-21 John reminds the church that love is “action” and not simply words. What role does John say our conscience should play, and why?

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When meeting the needs of others, what should we expect in return from them? Why?

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According to John, how do we know that we are abiding in the truth of Christ? What effect should it have towards our life in Christ?

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V22-24 John rephrases the commandment from the Lord in a simpler and pointed way, and he makes it central (as it should) to his message about love. He also links it to the familiar truth “... ask and ye shall receive.” Explain John’s overall objective, and the lessons for the church.

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