

TRUE LOVE
1st John 3:11-18

- I. WE HAVE A COMPELLING EXHORTATION TO CHRISTIAN LOVE (v. 11)
 - A. The Authority behind the Command—*For this is the message...*
 - B. The Priority of the Command—*heard from the beginning...*
- II. WE ARE GIVEN A CONTRASTING ILLUSTRATION TO CHRISTIAN LOVE (vv. 12-15)
 - A. The Caution against the Lack of Love (vv. 11-13)—*We should not be like Cain...*
 - B. The Cause of the Lack of Love (vv. 14-15)—*Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*
- III. WE ARE SHOWN A CLEAR APPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (vv. 16-18)
 - A. The Principle of Love—Sacrifice (v. 16)—*we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*
 - B. The Practice of Love –Ministry (vv. 17-18)—*let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.*