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1 John 3:11-18

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

***v11 This is the message you heard from the beginning:
We should love one another.***

I wonder how many of you know the song by Tina Turner by the same name as the title of my sermon today.

AS I READ THE WORDS OF THE SONG, I REALISED AGAIN HOW DIFFERENTLY THE WORLD SEES LOVE THAN WE DO AS CHRISTIANS.

Listen to the words of the Song. I haven't included them in the notes I will post on the internet because of copywrite laws, so here they are.

LOVE IS ALL ABOUT HOW YOU MAKE ME FEEL AND I BETTER PROTECT MYSELF BECAUSE MY HEART MAY BE BROKEN.

IN THIS SECTION JOHN REMINDS HIS READERS AGAIN ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LOVE THE WORLD OFFERS AND THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Notice, FIRSTLY

I THE PATTERN OF WORLDLY "LOVE".

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1. THE EXAMPLE OF WORLDLY "LOVE".

Cain - whose name means "possession" or "spearer".

Cain symbolises "ME and MINE". When his brothers sacrifice was accepted and his was not, he immediately felt envious and bitter.

**HOW TRUE THIS IS OF THE PATTEN OF LOVE IN THE WORLD
(Would you divorce yourself?)**

2. **THE SOURCE OF WORLDLY “LOVE”.**

The DEVIL – “*who belonged to the evil one.*” Two verses that remind us that the devil is at the root of evil.

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning,

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

SATAN CONTINUES TO BLIND UNBELIEVERS

3. **THE ACTIONS OF WORLDLY “LOVE”.**

MURDER – “*who belonged to the evil one.*”

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

MURDER IS DENYING SOMEONE THE RIGHT TO LIVE.

4. **THE MOTIVE OF WORLDLY “LOVE”.**

SELF-CENTERED – “*Because his own actions were evil.*”

Listen to his passage about worldly motives

James 4:1-5 v1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? v2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. v3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. v4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. v5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?

A WORLDLY PERSON CAN DO NO BETTER THAT THINK ONLY ABOUT THEMSELVES!!!

5. **THE RESULT OF WORLDLY “LOVE”.**

DEATH – “*Anyone who does not love remains in death. v15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.*”

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death,

Ephesians 2:1-2 v1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, v2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

WITHOUT CHRIST YOU ARE DEAD ALREADY.

Notice, **SECONDLY**

I THE PATTERN OF CHRISTIAN "LOVE".

v16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. v17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? v18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1. THE EXAMPLE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

JESUS CHRIST - If Cain means "possession", **JESUS CHRIST** means "Anointed Saviour".

JESUS CHRIST symbolises "LIBERATOR". When his brothers sacrifice was not accepted, **HE STEPPED IN AND OFFERED HIMSELF AS THE SACRIFICE.**

DO YOU LOVE PEOPLE ENOUGH TO BE WILLING TO DIE FOR THEM

2. THE SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

The **LOVE OF GOD** – Two verses that remind us OF God's love.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FOR THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST

3. THE ACTIONS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

SERVICE – "*v17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?*"

SHOW YOUR LOVE THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS.

4. THE MOTIVE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

SACRIFICE – "*Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*"

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

SACRIFICE IS PROVIDING SOMEONE WITH THE RIGHT TO LIVE.

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5. THE RESULT OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

ACCEPTANCE – *v18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE.

CONCLUSION

SO

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Lamentations 3:19-23

v19 I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.

v20 I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.

v21 Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

v22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions
never fail.

v23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.