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**CHRISTIANS SHOULD NEVER HATE.
CHRISTIANS SHOULD ALWAYS LOVE!**

The distinguishing difference between the children of God and the children of the devil is **love for God and others** – not hate!

John covers this topic in *verses 11-18*.

**3 POINTS JOHN MAKES HERE:
ABOUT LOVE**

I. We know God's love (v. 16)

A. That He, (God) loves us
Everyone knows:

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten (unique) Son, that whosoever believeth...

1 John 3:16 – [here] Both talk about God's love toward us, and the evidence of true love!

Does GOD love you??

B. Because of His sacrifice

Does John really expect his readers to die for others?

How could any believer attempt to imitate what Jesus did?

John 15:12-17

II. Love is a choice

A. As God loves us - It's a matter of obedience!

B. We will love others (*v. 17*)

➡ specific example [John gives here]
A believer's biggest struggle in this?
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III. Love is action (v. 18)

A. A self-sacrificing love

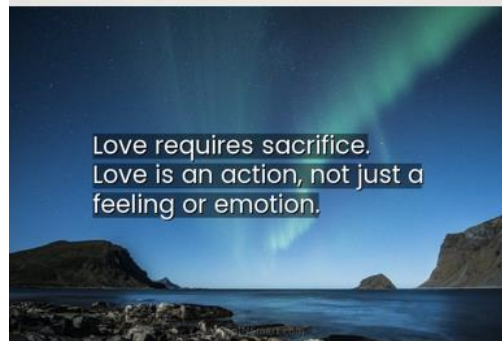
B. Love that is real

CONCLUSION:

- Is your love sacrificial action?
- Do you show it...
 - To your kids?
 - To your spouse?
 - To your parents?
 - To your siblings?
 - To that guy/gal at work?

“LOVE IS ACTION”

I John 3:16-18



Love is a choice,
not an emotion.
Love is an action,
not a feeling.
Love is deliberate,
not passive.
Love is not
something
that happens
to you;
love is
something
you do.