

## Love is Essential Evidence of Christ

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:10-15

### A. The Two Identifying Marks of a Person's Spiritual Father (3:10)

"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest:"

- manifest (*phoneros*) - open to sight, visible, manifest

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (or the lack thereof) is the first identifying mark.

"Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God,"

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (or the lack thereof) is the second identifying mark.

"nor *is* he who does not love his brother."

### B. The Reason Love Matters So Much (3:11-15)

1. The primary instruction for disciples of Jesus is to \_\_\_\_\_ one another. (3:11)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the expected attitude of the unrighteous toward the righteous. (3:12-13)

3. A life without love is a life without Christ, which is a life of \_\_\_\_\_. (3:14-15)

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### **C. Reflection: Righteousness is Good.**

1. **Love is** \_\_\_\_\_ – certainly better than other ways of life.
  
2. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ **realization** for the child of God.
  
3. This is an \_\_\_\_\_ **realization** for the unsaved.