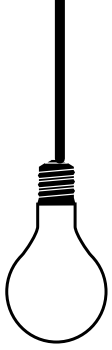


**Study 5**  
**LOVE & OBEY**

**1 John 3:11-24**

**“And this is His command:  
to believe in the name of  
His Son, Jesus Christ,  
and to love one another  
as He commanded us.”**



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**Starters**

1. What are some of the ways the world treats true believers? (Think locally and globally.)



**Read verses 11-16**

2. What does the story of Cain and Abel teach us? (Note 3 key things highlighted about Cain.)

3. Why should believers not be surprised by the hatred of the world?

4. How do believers know they have 'passed from death to life'?

5. Why are hatred and the possession of eternal life mutually exclusive?



## Read verses 16-24

6. In what way does Jesus' love define true love?

7. What is the difference between true and false love?

8. How may our hearts condemn us? How are we not condemned and thus able to be confident in God's presence?

9. What are the building blocks of true assurance? (There are four in verses 23-24)



## Apply

(Answer all these questions personally, but as a group choose one or two to focus on.)

10. How would you describe the spiritual status of the true Christian?

11. How does it help you to know that the world will hate believers?

12. Why is it so important for believers to love one another? How is Christ's love for us both a model and a motivation to you?

13. Where should we turn in times of doubt and uncertainty? Why can we be confident that God will hear and answer our prayers?

14. How can we know for certain that we are in a true relationship with God?



## **Prayer Notes**