

Light, Love, & Life Series:
How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred
Love Your Brother
1 John 2:7-11

- I. The Old, But New Commandment (7-8)
 - A. An old commandment
 - 1. From the beginning
 - 2. Leviticus 19:8
 - B. A new commandment
 - 1. Freshness, fullness in Jesus
 - 2. John 13:34
 - 3. “even as I have loved you”
 - C. There is an intimate connection between the vertical and horizontal realms
 - D. The Incarnation has brought them upon one fused them together
- II. The One Who Hates His Brother (9, 11)
 - A. You cannot be in the light of Christ and in the darkness of hatred simultaneously
 - 1. Does this mean that if at any time you experience this toward another human, you are necessarily lost? No
 - 2. Recall verse 1-6
 - B. Yet, the perpetual and continual disregard for other human beings is a demonstration at the minimum of a significant spiritual problem
 - C. In the worst case, the one who continually shows no care for his fellow man truly has no care for Christ
- III. The One Who Loves His Brother (10)
 - A. Christ came to make love manifest
 - B. Christ came to make the unlovely lovable

- C. Christ has come to flood our lives and world with the fullness of His grace
- D. The question – what is our attitude toward our fellow man? Is it one of hatred?
 - 1. Do we view people by what they can do for us?
 - 2. Do we view people through the foggy lenses of social, economic, ethnic, and/or cultural glasses?
 - 3. Do we have an unwillingness to forgive people of wrongs they have done?
 - 4. Do we limit grace, mercy, and love toward the people around us?
 - 5. Do we possess a spirit of superiority around others, due to intelligence, wealth, social standing, theological insight, etc.?
- E. There are many ways to hate our brother – but only one way to truly love him...the way Christ would have loved him.