

1ST JOHN 3:10-15 # 9

1.TWO MAIN THINGS IN THESE VERSES. WE ARE COMMANDED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AGAPE LOVE MAY HAVE LITTLE TO DO WITH EMOTIONS BUT EVERYTHING WITH INTENT AND ACTIONS.TO “AGAPE” SOMEONE MEANS WE WANT THE BEST FOR THEM AND THE VERY BEST FOR THEM TO IN A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

2.JOHN ASSERTS THAT THIS KIND OF LOVE IS THE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. AS WE READ THESE VERSES JOHN IS VERY CONSISTENT THAT BELIEVERS NEED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AND IN HIS GOSPEL 13:34 HE RECORDS THAT JESUS SAID, “WE ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.THEN IN LUKE 6 JESUS SAYS, “WE ARE TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU.”

3.WE ARE TO FOLLOW GOD’S EXAMPLES OF LOVE...WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US. GOD SHOWED US HIS LOVE BY SENDING CHRIST INTO OUR WORLD AND INTO OUR LIVES. JESUS SHOWED HIS LOVE BY GIVING HIS LIFE FOR US.

4.TO HATE ANOTHER IS TO MURDER HIM IN OUR HEARTS. WE MAY NOT PHYSICALLY KILL THEM, AS CAIN DID HIS BROTHER, Abel,.BUT JUST IGNORING A PERSON CAN SHOW HATE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE BELIEVE THAT PERSON TO BE LOST.

5. IN THESE VERSES JOHN HAS GIVEN US THREE TESTS:

1.TRUTH TEST: WE BELIEVE AND FOLLOW WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES.

2.LOVE TEST: WE SHOW THE LOVE OF JESUS TO OTHERS.

3.MORAL TEST: OUR WAY OF LIFE HAS CHANGED.