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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 John 3:11-24

"Tell your sister you're sorry," says a parent. With a defiant tone the child says, "Sorry." Supposedly things are right again. We know better, though, that love is more than words.

1 John 3:11-24 details what it means to truly love one another, and what it means when we don't. Not having love means we remain in death, will be judged as murderers, and are condemned by our hearts.

Love requires action: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters" (1 John 3:16). Love is messy and difficult, but so was the Cross. With determination, we act in love toward others. We don't expect reward, acknowledgement, or compensation. We simply put it on the table, and we don't take it back.

When we learn to love we pass from death to life, we have confidence before God, and we know what it means to live in God and know His Spirit (1 John 3:14, 21, 22, 24, 25). Love is our heart and God's heart beating as one!

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