

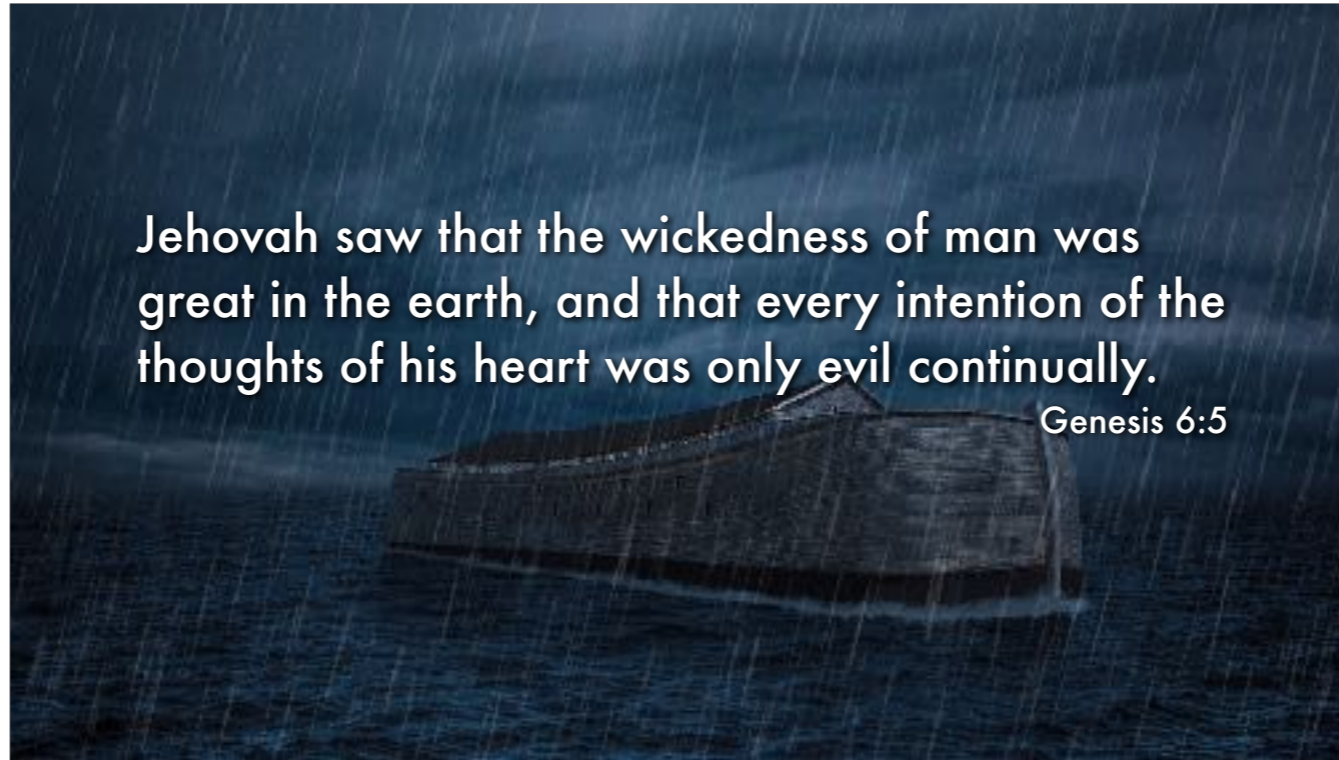
Hating One Another



Titus 3:3



- Political Ads are overwhelmingly negative
 - _____ is wrong for New Mexico!
 - Don't vote for _____.
 - All the "sides" point to the other and tell us just how bad they are.
- But the reality is that we see more than just people disagreeing with one another
 - Yelling, cursing, denouncing, blame
 - People are physically attacking each other
 - Hatred for the other side is common. And often approved.
- But hatred is nothing new ...



- Genesis 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- Genesis 6:11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. (v. 13)

Esau hated Jacob

Jacob hated Leah

Joseph's brothers hated Joseph

Joseph's brothers expected Joseph to hate them

- Esau hated Jacob (Genesis 27:41)
- Jacob hated Leah (Genesis 29:30-31; 33)
- Joseph's brothers hated him (Genesis 37:4-8)
 - And their hatred grew
- Joseph's brother's expected Joseph to hate them (Genesis 50:15)
 - expected that he would retaliate for what they had done to him.



- Titus 3:1-7 (ESV) 1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. 3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



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- But there is love in this world among people.
- So how can this be true?
- Is this just a generalization?
- What is Paul telling us about the world?



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How Jesus dealt with those who hated him



- How did Jesus deal with those who hated him?
- On the cross
 - Forgive them
 - Today you will be with me in paradise

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- Enemies
 - Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- Hostile in Mind
 - Colossians 1:21-22 (ESV) 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,



- God our Savior
 - goodness
 - loving kindness
 - saved us
 - mercy
 - grace
 - become heirs
- How did Jesus deal with those who hated him?
 - He tried to save them!



- 1 John 4:7-11 (ESV) 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



- Why would Christian brethren hate one another?
 - In the letters, we see so many reasons why Christians didn't love each other.
 - And why they despised each other.
 - Some were simple disagreements about what they should or should not do.
 - Some were about what status: whether spiritual or physical
 - Some were about jealousy.
 - Etc.



- Matthew 24:9-14 (ESV) 9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



- Hate and Murder: What John says about the danger of hatred



- 1 John 2:9 (ESV) 9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.
- Darkness is often a way of speaking of being lost
- So a disciple who hates his brother is not saved, but still thinking and acting as if he is in the world
- All that Jesus has done to save him; all the mercy, all the grace has been rejected



- 1 John 2:11 (ESV) 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
- John 14:4-6 (ESV)
 - 4 And you know the way to where I am going.”
 - 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
 - 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

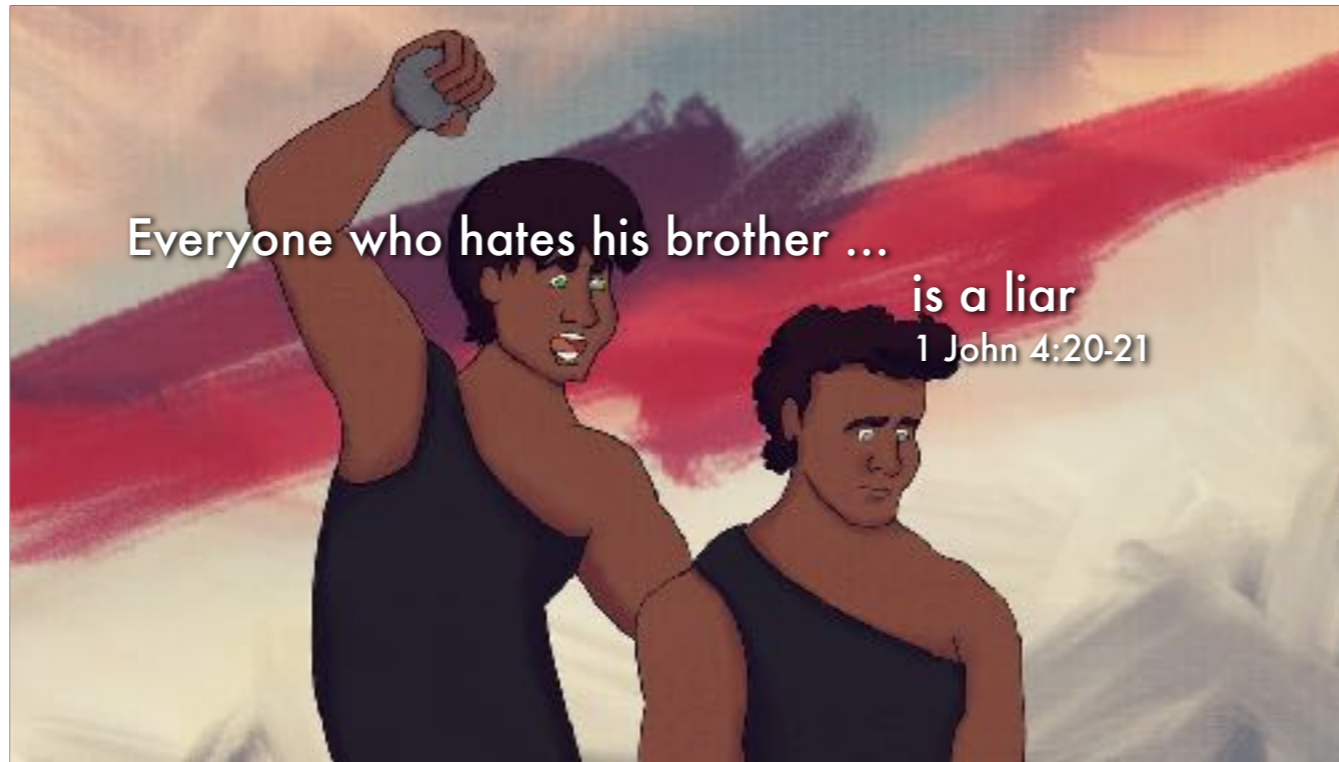


• 1 John 3:15 (ESV) 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

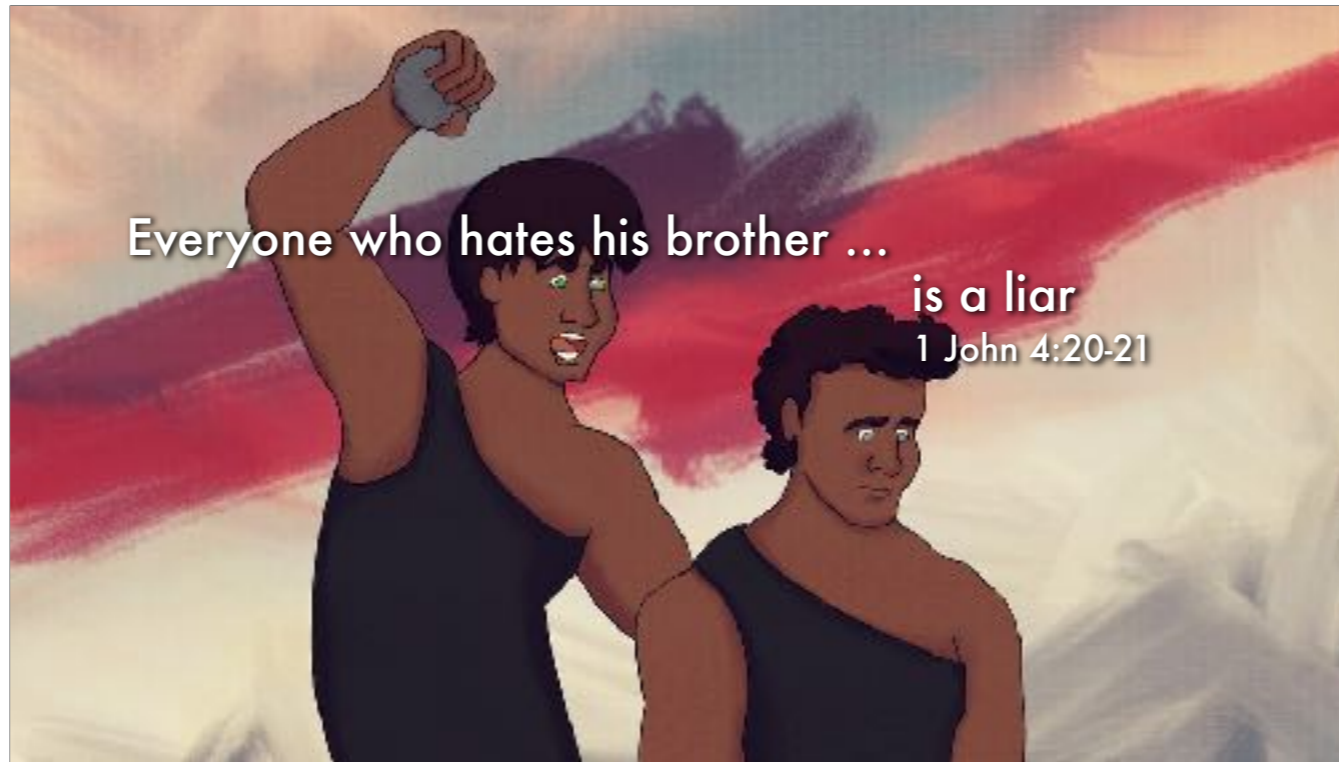
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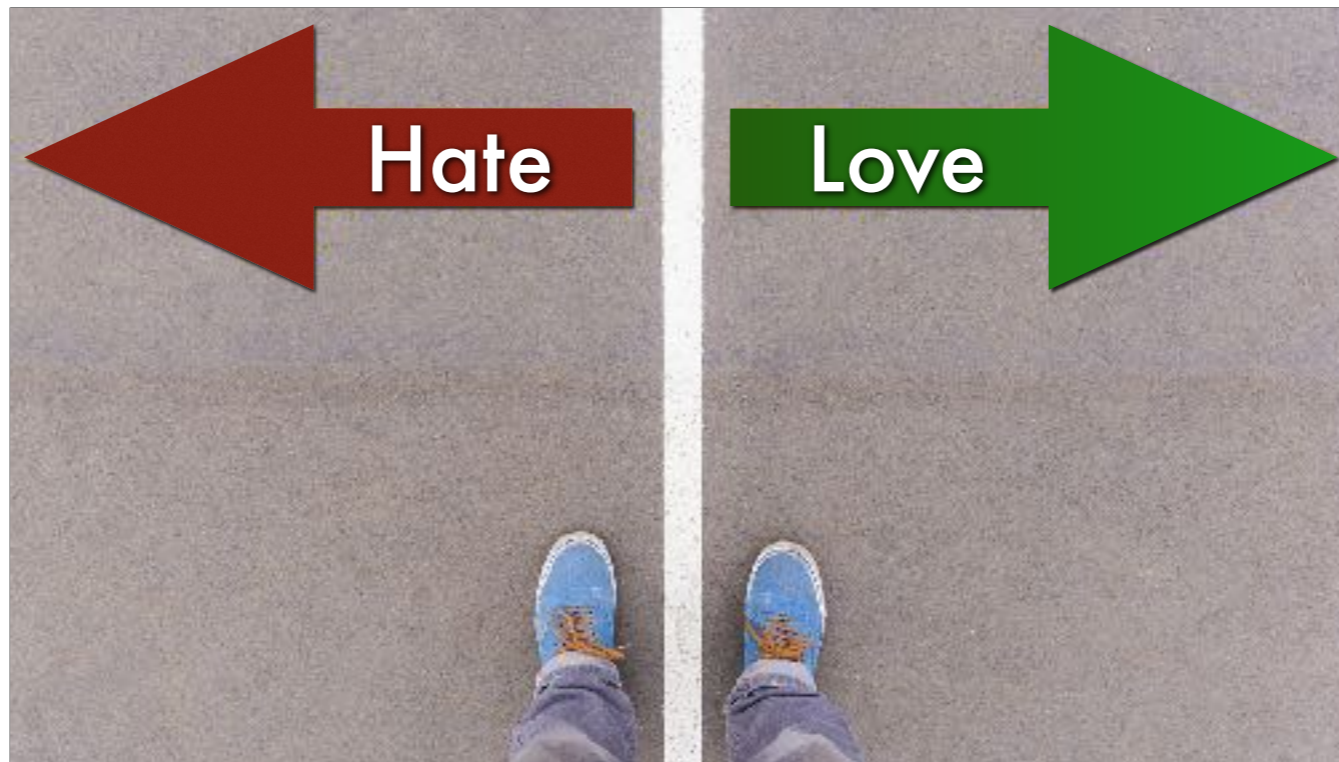
- 1 John 4:20-21 (ESV) 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.
- It's actually easy for us to deceive ourselves that we love God.
 - We judge our faithfulness on our service to God, devotion, faithfulness



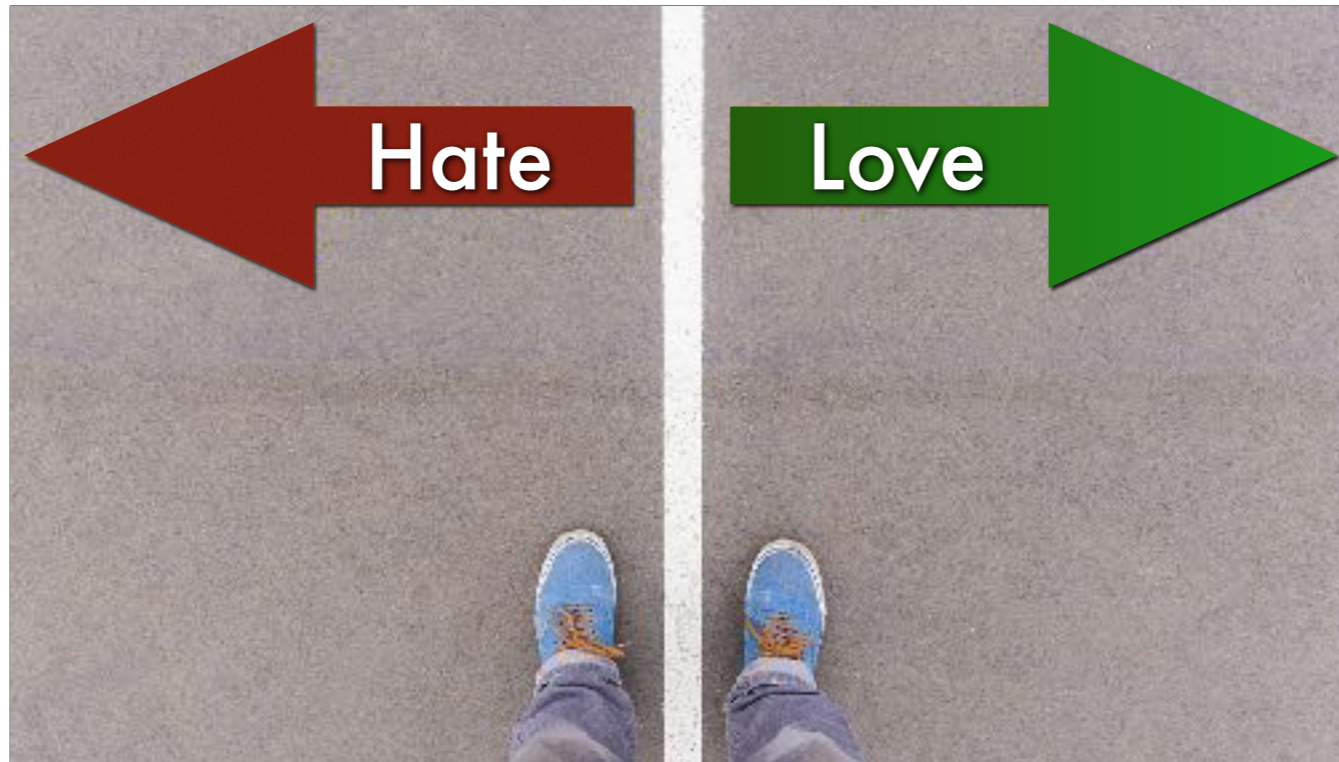
- John makes it clear that we must also consider how we think about our brother.
- If there's hatred, we don't love God
 - Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."



- Proverbs 10:18 The one who conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever utters slander is a fool.
- Proverbs 26:24-26 Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors deceit in his heart; when he speaks graciously, believe him not, for there are seven abominations in his heart; though his hatred be covered with deception, his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.



- Hate? or Love?
 - We think this is an easy choice. But it's really not.
 - We think that because we're saved, it's really obvious which we will choose.
 - But it's much harder than we think.
- The example of Jesus revisited
 - Jesus came to seek and save the lost: his enemies
 - They rejected him, despised him, called for him to be killed
 - Yet he died, showing his love, so that they could be saved



- Leviticus 19:17-18 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart,
 - but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.
 - 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,
 - but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.



- Matthew 5:43-48 (ESV) 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



- This is not Jesus asking us to do something easy, but something very hard.
- Persecutors and enemies would kill Christians ... love them, pray for them?
- What more are you doing???
- He's telling us that we have to do better than the world and better than others.
- Choose love
- But know it's going to be hard work to love like Jesus loves.

We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: Hatred is one of the characteristics of the world, but must not be of those who follow Christ. In this lesson we'll consider the dangers of hating one another.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”