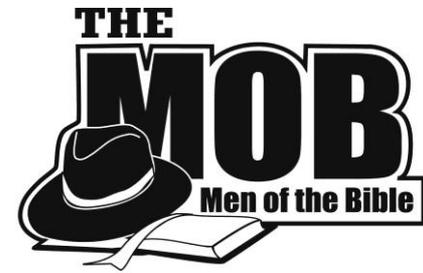




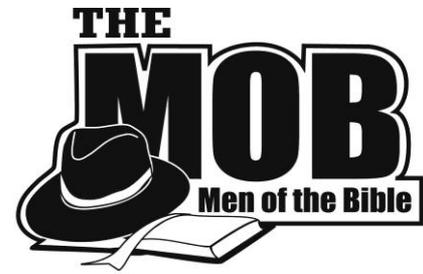
# Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- [IBC Season of Service, Nov 7](#)
- [WACMM Fall Men's Conference, Nov 7, 2015 at McLean Bible Church, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM](#)
- [IBC Thanksgiving Food Drive, NLT 22 Nov, 1200](#)
- Website: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)



# Memory Verse



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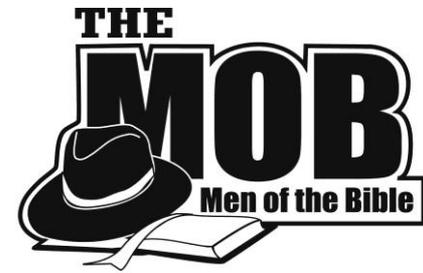
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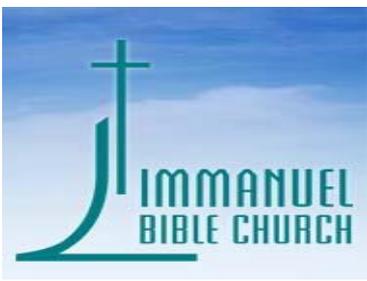


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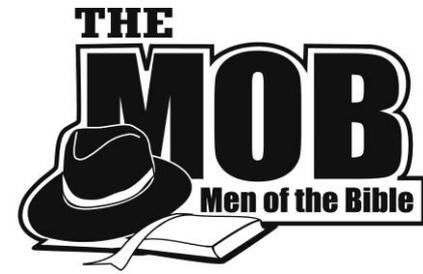


<b>Focus</b>	<b>Basis of Fellowship</b>		<b>Behavior of Fellowship</b>	
<b>Reference</b>	1:1 - 2:14	2:15 - 2:27	2:28 - 5:3	5:4 - 5:21
<b>Division</b>	Conditions for Fellowship	Cautions to Fellowship	Characteristics of Fellowship	Consequences of Fellowship
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Meaning of Fellowship</b>		<b>Manifestations of Fellowship</b>	
	<b>Abiding in God's Light</b>		<b>Abiding in God's Love</b>	
<b>Time</b>	Written in Ephesus around <b>90 AD</b>			





# Scripture Interpretation

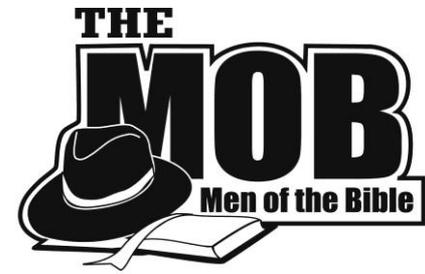


- **Normal** - *understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.*
- **Literal** - *understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.*
- **Grammatical** - *using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.*
- **Historical** - *understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.*
- **Systematic** - *categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of Scripture in view.*

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# Last Week

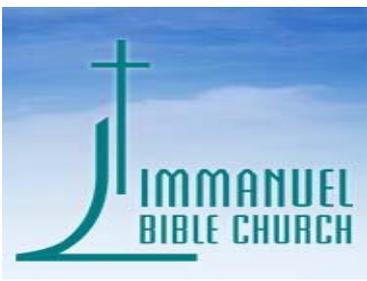


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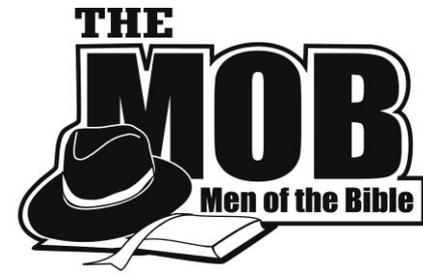
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[1 John 3:4-10](#)



# This Week



## Love One Another

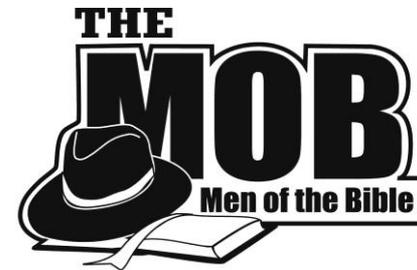
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## *Divine Love and its inevitable fruit*

<http://sljinstitute.net/general-epistles/123john/divine-love-and-its-inevitable-truth/>



# 1 John 3:11-24 (ESV) Love One Another



<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

<sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers.

Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.



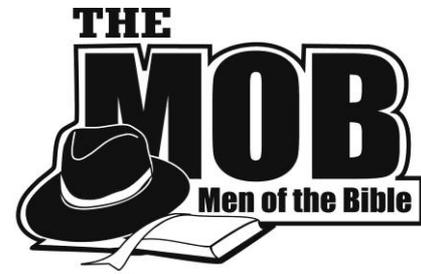
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<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.



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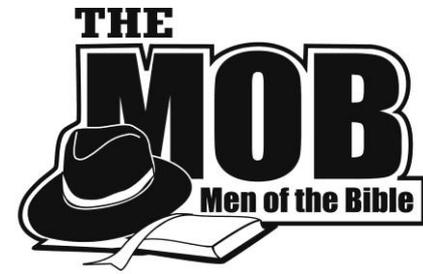


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# 1 John 3:11-24

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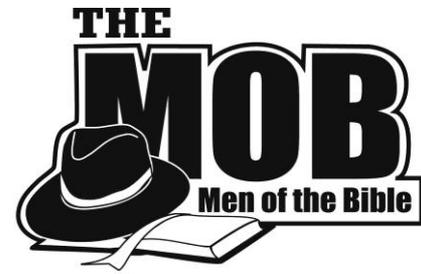
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- 1 John 2 was based on fellowship
- 1 John 3 is based on the believer's relationship with other believers
- Earlier in 1 John 2:7-11 "loving is a matter of light and darkness" - now we probe deeper



# 1 John 3:11-24

## Observation



### *Progression*

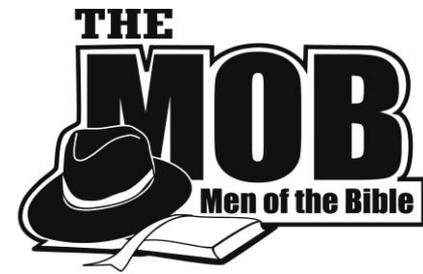
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- Hatred ([1 John 3:13-15](#))
- Indifference ([1 John 3:16-17](#))
- Christian Love ([1 John 3:18-24](#))

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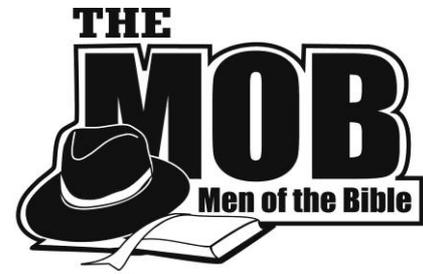


- “...for the brethren...sees his brother...”
- We are all onions...
- [Galatians 6:10](#)
- [Hatred \(\*miseō\*\); hatred, to detest](#)
- [Anger \(\*orgē\*\); impulse, wrath, passion](#)
- [Ephesians 4:25-31](#)





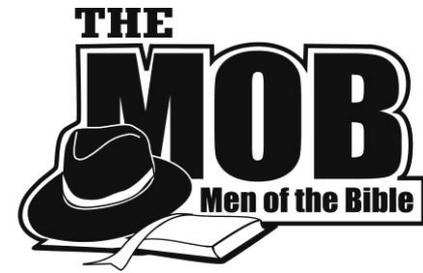
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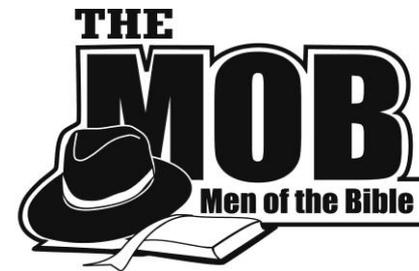
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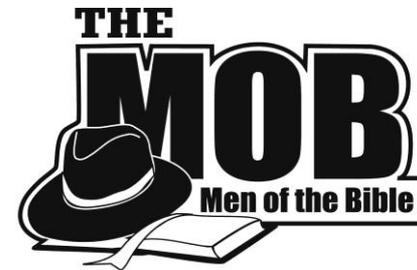
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*Then, my friend, if you never had a doubt for yourself, allow me to doubt for you. Ah, beloved! it is not high thoughts that prove us to be Christians; it is lying humbly in the dust before the mercy-seat that is one of the sure signs that we are the children of God.*  
– Charles Spurgeon



# 1 John 3:11-24

## Application / Discussion



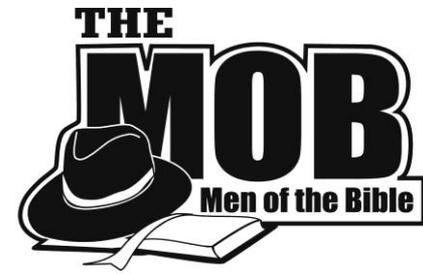
- 1) Choose one verse or phrase that stands out to you (Q #2)
- 2) What is the difference between tolerance and the sort of love Jesus practiced and taught us about? (Q #5)
- 3) Why did John say, “Don’t be surprised...if the world hates you. (1 John 3:13)” (Q #6)
- 4) Discuss the following: “Love is not an if/then statement.”
- 5) What’s wrong with indifference (1 John 3:16-17)? (Q #9,12)

*“One reason why sinners were attracted to Jesus (Luke 15:1-2) was because they were sure He loved them sincerely”*

*– Be Real, page 129 (Study Guide page 102)*



# Closing

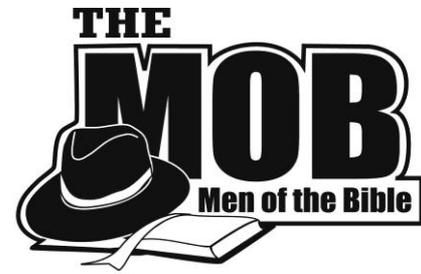


- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer





# 1 John Purposes



## **Pastoral:**

- “that you too may have fellowship” (1 John 1:3)
- “that your joy may be full” (1 John 1:4)
- “that you may not sin” (1 John 2:1)
- “that you may know you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13)

## **Polemical:**

- “concerning those trying deceive you” (1 John 2:26)
- “make sure no one deceives you” (1 John 3:7)
- “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1-3)