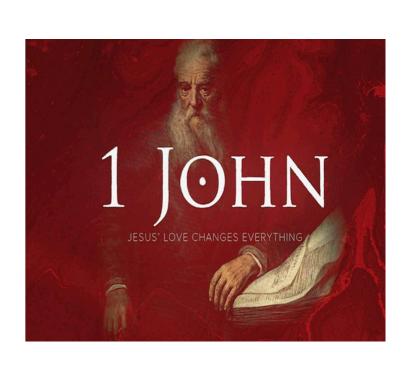




## 1 John 5:13

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Hebrews 11:3
"By *faith* we *understand* that..."

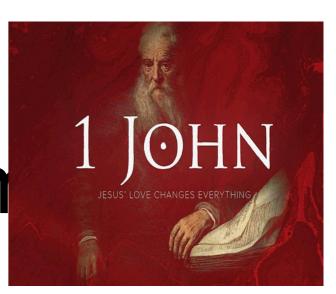


#### One Of Two Natures:

1. In Adam

2. In Christ

Nature: — inner self detern



# TWO BAD RESPONSES

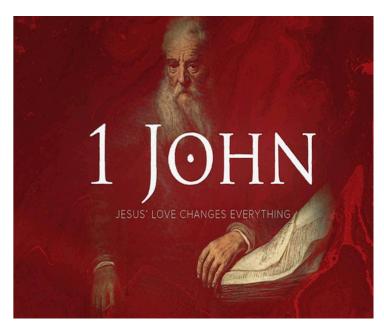
1.) Religious Legalism: soul crippling sin-consciousness.

2.) Selfish Carelessness: "what I do doesn't matter."

#### 1 John 3:11-24

- "we should love one another"
- "not as Cain"
- "by this we know love, because he laid down his life for us"
- "God is greater than our heart"

  "This is His commandment, that we believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.



#1. Message What did they hear from the beginning?

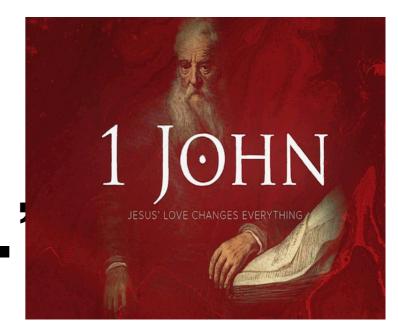
John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another <u>AS</u> I have loved you."

1 John 3:9 "Whoever has been born of God cannot sin, for *His seed* remains in him; and he cannot sin because he has been *born* of God."

1 Peter 1:4 "...that through these you may be partakers of the *divine* 

nature."

1 John 4:8 "...God is *love*."



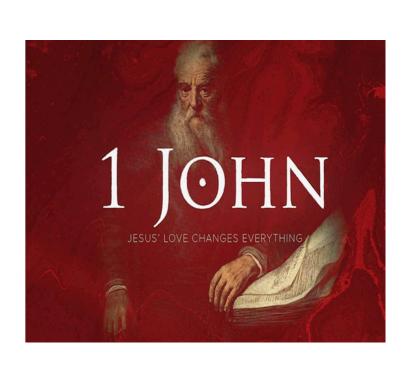
#2. The Model
1 John 3:12-16 "not as
Cain...because His works were
evil..."

Genesis 4:1-10 "Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the around."

Genesis 4:1-10 "....Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground."

Cain brought the best of the works of his own hands.

Sounds a bit like religion!



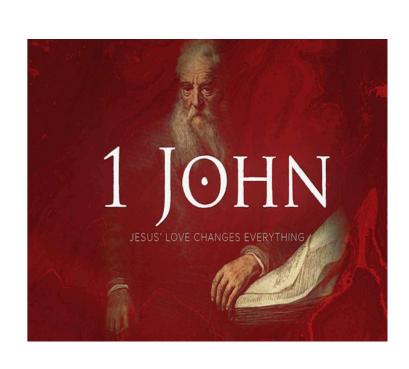
### The Real Model of Love:

1 John 3:16 "By this we know love, because HE laid down HIS life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

Life = psuché, and it means: soul, life...

a person's distinct identity (unique personhood), i.e. individual personality.

Jesus is my example in so much as what I am seeking to emulate is living out of the Spirit within, union.



#3. The Manifestation
John 13:34 "AS I have loved you"

Romans 5:5 "...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

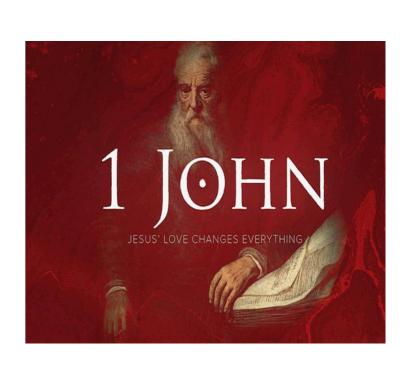
# "...HOW DOES THE LOVE OF GOD ABIDE IN THEM?"

1 John 3:17

Not challenging you to rise up in your religious works and love out of duty.

He is just so confident that God's nature in you will shine out of you.

ITS THAT POWERFUL !!!!



1 John 3:19-21 "And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. *God is greater than our hearts* and knows all things..."

Love is not a works based assurance program.

Its the ultimate expression of faith inspired rest.



- 1. The Message
- 2. The Model
- 3. The Manifestation

God is committed to see you not just possess His nature but express it... and it looks like love!

