

## Test 3: Being Marked By Love

1 John 03: 10–17

**1** *Love reveals one's true nature:  
Shows that one is either a child of God  
or of the devil*

10 This is how we know  
who the children of God are  
and who the children of the devil are:  
Anyone who does not do what is right  
is not a child of God;  
nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

**2** *Love is the message  
heard from the very beginning*

11 This is the message you heard from the beginning:  
We should love one another.

**3** *Love does not persecute the righteous*

12 Do not be like Cain,  
who belonged to the evil one  
and murdered his brother.  
And why did he murder him?  
Because his own actions were evil  
and his brother's were righteous.

**4** *Love is the proof  
that one has passed from death to life*

13 Do not be surprised, my brothers,  
if the world hates you.

14 We know that we have passed from death to life,  
because we love our brothers.  
Anyone who does not love remains in death.

**5** *Love does not hate*

- a. Hate is murder
- b. Hate exempts one from eternal life

15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer,  
and you know  
that no murderer has eternal life in him.

**6** *Love is the proof  
that one understands the love of Christ*

16 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.

**7** *Love has compassion  
and gives to meet the needs of people*

17 If anyone has material possessions  
and sees his brother in need  
but has no pity on him,  
how can the love of God be in him?