

Sermon Notes for September 30, 2018
1 John 3:11-23: Faith Expressing Itself In Love
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From the beginning of Chapter 3, God's children are growing in two areas...

- *Doing what is _____.*
- _____ *their brothers and sisters.*

What should NOT surprise us?

The origin and nature of hate:

"The great serpent himself reigns as the God of this world. Wonder not then that the serpentine world _____ and hisses at you who belong to that seed of the woman that is to bruise the serpent's head." (Matthew Henry)

The origin and nature of love:

"O heir of heaven, lift now thine eye, and behold the scenes of suffering through which thy Lord passed for thy sake! Come in the moonlight, and stand between those olives; see Him sweat great drops of blood. Go from that garden, and follow Him to Pilate's bar. See your Master subjected to the grossest and filthiest _____; gaze upon the face of spotless beauty defiled with the spittle of soldiers; see His head pierced with thorns; mark His back, all rent, and torn, and scarred, and bruised, and bleeding beneath the terrible lash. And O Christian, see Him die!" (Charles Spurgeon)

What is the nature of the love of Jesus?

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to _____ one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through _____. (Galatians 5:6)

Application: Ways to Grow our Faith Expressing Itself in Love

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