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Sermon Notes for October 11th, 2026
"A Journey through the Book of 1st John"
"Loving in Deed & Truth"

Sermon Text: **1 John 3:11-24;** Old Testament Text: **Psalm 104:1-9;** New Testament Text: **James 1:22-27.**

Read the passage below, then answer the questions.

1 John 3:11-24: For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. [12] 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. [13] Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. [14] We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. [15] Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. [16] By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. [17] 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? [18] Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. [19] By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; [20] for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. [21] Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; [22] and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. [23] And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. [24] Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1. Read **1 John 3:11.** When John says, ***"from the beginning,"*** to what is he referring?

2. Read **1 John 3:12.** Cain's deeds were evil even before he murdered Abel. What was it about ***Cain's deeds*** that made them evil while ***Abel's deeds were considered righteous?***

3. Read **1 John 3:13.** Why does the ***world hate followers of Jesus Christ?***

4. Read **1 John 3:14.** Is John saying in this verse that Christians will never die?

   What is he saying?

5. Read **1 John 3:15.** Why does John equate hatred with murder?

6. John said, ***"You know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."*** To what does the ***eternal life abiding in him*** refer?

7. Read **1 John 3:16.** What does John say allowed us ***to know love?***

8. What lesson does John say we ought to learn from the example of Christ?

9. Read **1 John 3:17.** What does John say we should do if we have the resources to do so?

10. How well do you keep this command? What might help you to keep it better?

11. Read **1 John 3:18.** What do you think would happen if Christians started to take this command seriously?

12. Read **1 John 3:19-20.** What does John say will reveal to us ***that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him***?

13. Why might ***our hearts condemn us*** even when God doesn't?

14. Read **1 John 3:21-22.** What does John say we will have and receive ***if our hearts do not condemn us?***

15. Read **1 John 3:23.** What does John tells us God expects from us as believers in Christ?

16. Read **1 John 3:24.** What should give us absolute confidence that ***we abide in God and He abides in us?***

17. What will you remember most from this message?