

OTHER LETTERS

FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

The commandment of love

3 ¹¹For this is the message taught to you from the beginning: we must love one another. ¹³So, be not surprised, brothers if the world hates us; ¹⁴we love our brothers and sisters, and with this we know that we have passed from death to life. The one who does not love remains in death.

¹⁵The one who hates his brother is a murderer, and, as you know, eternal life does not remain in the murderer.

¹⁶This is how we have known what love is: he gave his life for us. We, too, ought to give our life for our brothers and sisters.

¹⁷If anyone enjoys the riches of this world, but closes his heart when he sees his brother or sister in need, how will the love of God remain in him? ¹⁸My dear children, let us love not only with words and with our lips, but in truth and in deed.

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