**Series: One Anothering**

**Loving One Another**

*1 John 3:14-18*

**John 10:10**—*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

**Colossians 1:28**—*We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 12:14-16, 21-22**—*For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body…And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary…*

**1 Corinthians 3:11**—*For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 3:10**—*But each man must be careful how he builds on it.*

3 confirmations of a genuine brotherly love

**I. Gives evidence of our salvation**

**1 John 3:14-15***—We**know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

A. The purpose of the epistle is our salvation

**1 John 1:3**—…*what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

**1 John 1:4**—*These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.*

**1 John 5:13**—*These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

B. The evidence of our salvation is defined

1. Passed out of death into life

**1 John 3:14**—*We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren.*

**Galatians 2:20**—*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

**1 John 4:7**—*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

2. Does not abide in death

**1 John 3:14b**—*He who does not love abides in death.*

**John 15:4-5**—*Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

3. Is not a murderer

**1 John 3:15**—*Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

**1 John 3:11-12**—*For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous.*

**II. Gives rise to sacrificial responses**

A. Modeled by Christ

**John 3:16**—*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

**1 John 3:16**—*We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

B. Motivating us to do the same

**1 John 3:17-18**—*But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.*

**III. Gives evidence in wise choices**

A. Helping especially those who are weak, hurting, or cannot repay

**3 John 4**—*I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.*

**Luke 14:13-14**—“*But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,* ***14****and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*

B. Focus on doing, not just hearing or “saying”

**James 1:22**—*But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*