

On Hate and Love

Into: 1 John 3:1ff- (Song- How great the Father's Love for us) Story: Preacher Race Desmond

I. There's a tremendous power in love and in hate

A. 1 John 3 - hatred and love are intertwined

1. We probably can't hate most people if we haven't once loved them
3. Hatred and love come from outside ourselves- Love/God (1John 4:7-8)- Hate/Satan

B. Eph. 6: Warns us of the presence of Satan

1. Many believe God is real... but not Satan
2. If so we need to confront the reality of life.
3. Some of us are Satan worshipers
 - a. No such thing as neutral ground.
 - b. Abilene Preacher/Church of Satan
4. Eph. 6:10-12- There's a real battle going on... a struggle to the death
 - a. Smart, slippery power & his nature is hatred and destruction and he lies
 - b. That draws our attention to hatred
 1. Two boys in a field (Cain & Able)- The beginning of the history of hate
 2. This is what John tells about here

II. John weaves the story of Hatred and Love

A. Hatred I John 3:11-15 (The origin of Hatred is Satan)

1. But Satan is sneaky about hatred
2. Look at Judas/ Annanius and Sapphira/ Cain and Able
3. When we're angry at God- Satan is going to twist our minds
 - a. So John tells us here to love one another and not to be like Cain

B. Do not hate- I John 3:15-

1. Do not non-person someone- to kill them
2. There's more than one way to kill them !
 - a. Like Cain
 - b. Ignore their needs v. 17!
3. How can we see someone in need and not respond!
 - a. How many people are here right now who have needs
4. Hatred-not always bad attitude-- its heart is self-centeredness!
5. The Cure-
 - a. Remake our natures in the heart--
 - b. God's the objective- Needs are our mission
 - c. We accomplish this by Rom. 5:5 (The H.S.)

III. Where Love originates

A. The day you accept Christ (Acts 2:38,39; Rom 5:5, Eph. 1:13)

1. Many non-Christians love...
 - a. They love their children
 - b. They love their spouse
 - c. They love their parents
 - d. They love their dog...
(only an extension of themselves)
2. Without the reversing power of the cross its about us
(God is telling us love outside ourselves)
3. Matt 5:43-ff love your neighbor and hate your enemies... (brother?).
 - a. Poem: To live above with those we love, oh that will be glory... but to live below with those we know, well that's another story.
 - b. We need to look beyond personality, politics, what he does or does not do and that this person is like I am and needs to be loved.

- c. The way we do this is by the Spirit! God in us!
- 4. Here is a practical story of love-- Mitzuo Prusheeta
- 5. I John 4:4 Greater is He that is in you than the one who is in the world
 - a. Power of lust, lying, self, hatred this power is at our disposal in the Holy Spirit
 - b. This is Good News!
- B. Our hearts don't condemn us anymore 1 John 3:20
 - 1. We also have prayer power because we trust and obey

Conclusion:

Perhaps there are some here who have been Satan worshipers... meaning you have been living for yourself-- you can make it right!

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