

## An Evidence of the Salvation Adjustment (v. 13-14)

**VERSE 13 Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you** ([καὶ] μὴ θαυμάζετε, ἀδελφοί, εἰ μισεῖ ὑμᾶς ὁ κόσμος [*conj kai + neg me + pres.act.imper.2p. thaumazo be amazed + noun voc.m.p. adelphos + part ei if + pres.act.ind.3s. miseo hate + pro.acc.m.p. su + d.a.w/noun nom.m.s. kosmos*]).

**VERSE 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren** (ἡμεῖς οἶδαμεν ὅτι μεταβηθήκαμεν ἐκ τοῦ θανάτου εἰς τὴν ζωὴν, ὅτι ἀγαπῶμεν τοὺς ἀδελφούς· [*pro.nom.p. ego + pf.act.ind.1p. oida know + conj. hoti that + pf.act.ind.1p. metabaino cross over, pass over + prep ek + d.a.w/noun abl.m.s. thanatos death + prep eis into + d.a.w/noun acc.f.s. zoe life + conj hoti because + pres.act.ind.1p. agapao love + d.a.w/noun acc.m.p. adelphos*]).

**He who does not love abides in death** (ὁ μὴ ἀγαπῶν μένει ἐν τῷ θανάτῳ. [*d.a.w/pres.act.part.nom.m.s. agapao + neg me + pres.act.ind.3s. meno + prep en + d.a.w/noun loc.m.s. thanatos*]).

**ANALYSIS: VERSES 13-14**

1. In the world the same situation exists for us that Abel faced.
2. Cosmic antagonism to the vital interests of the Christian based on negative volition is an inevitable fact of life.
3. We are not to be taken aback when we experience the opprobrium of negative volition.
4. Jesus taught His disciples this fact of life (Jn. 15:18-19 “If the world hates you (1<sup>st</sup> class), you know that it hated Me before you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of this world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you”; cf. 17:14 “I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of this world, even as I am not of this world.”).
5. The hatred Jesus experienced even from His own people fulfilled a messianic prophecy (Jn. 15:25 “But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their own Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’”; cf. Ps. 69:4).
6. Evidence of the salvation adjustment is the believer’s love for other believers (v. 14).
7. It is expressed here as passing from a state of death to a state of life (EL).
8. Spiritual death is to be born under a sentence of condemnation (Rom. 5:16, 18; cf. 8:1).

9. It is a judgment brought against all who are in Adam (Jn. 3:18 “He who believes in Him is not judged, he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”).
10. To transition for a state of spiritual death to one of spiritual life note Jn. 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”
11. Confidence in one’s salvation is here tied to love of the brethren (v. 14ab).
12. The believer who does not love his fellow believers is under temporal death (v. 14c).
13. This was stated in 1 Jn. 2:9 “The one who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in darkness until now (cf. v. 10).”

### Hated is Murder (v. 15)

#### **VERSE 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no**

**murderer has eternal life abiding in him** (πᾶς ὁ μισῶν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ ἀνθρωποκτόνος ἐστίν, καὶ οἶδατε ὅτι πᾶς ἀνθρωποκτόνος οὐκ ἔχει ζωὴν αἰώνιον ἐν αὐτῷ μένουσαν [adj.nom.m.s. pas everyone + d.a.w/pres.act.part.nom.m.s. miseo hate + d.a.w/noun acc.m.s. adelphos + pro.gen.m.s. autos + noun nom.m.s. anthropoktonos murderer; only here and used of the devil in Jn. 8:44 + pres.act.ind.3s. eimi + conj kai + pf.act.ind.2p. oida know + conj hoti + adj.nom.m.s. pas everyone + conj hoti that + noun nom.m.s. anthropoktonos + neg ouk + pres.act.ind.3s. echo have + noun acc.f.s. zoe life + adj.acc.f.s. aionios eternal + prep en + pro.loc.m.s. autos + pres.act.ind.3s. meno]).

#### **ANALYSIS: VERSE 15**

1. “Everyone who hates his brother” refers to hating a fellow believer (v. 15a).
2. Hate can be sponsored by a variety of mental attitude sins.
3. Example: envy.
4. Mental attitude murder was taught by Jesus (Matt. 5:22).
5. Rebound reestablishes love for one’s fellow believers.
6. In the second half of this verse John refers to the unbeliever who commits mental attitude murder continuously toward the Lord and toward His people.
7. Continuous hatred characterize the devil and those who are his (Jn. 8:44).
8. A believer has committed at least one act of love and one act of righteous at the moment of salvation (1 Jn. 3:10).
9. Verse 15b is to be understood in the same sense as verses 6 and 9 for an unbroken history of mental attitude rejection of Christ and hatred of those who are called by His name.

10. Saul hated David and tried repeatedly to have his killed, and Saul was a believer.
11. But Cain, who never believed and hated his brother to the end of his life, did not possess eternal life.
12. Salvation breaks the cycle of unremitting hatred and unrighteousness long enough to be well-disposed toward God and His Son.
13. David committed murder to gain another man's wife.
14. John places this juxtaposition of the brother hating another brother over against the one who does not have eternal life due to continuous hatred of God and His plan to highlight the seriousness of the sin of hatred on the part of a believer.

Love Requires Actions (vv. 16-17)

**VERSE 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** (ἐν τούτῳ ἐγνώκαμεν τὴν ἀγάπην, ὅτι ἐκεῖνος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ ἔθηκεν· καὶ ἡμεῖς ὀφείλομεν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν τὰς ψυχὰς θεῖναι [*prepen + pro.instr.nt.s. houtos this + pf.act.ind.1p. ginosko know + d.a.w/noun acc.f.s. agape love + conj hoti that + adj.demonstr.nom.m.s. ekeinos that one; "He" + prep huper on behalf of + pro.gen.m.p. ego + noun acc.f.s. psuche soul; "life" + pro.gen.m.s. autos "His" + aor.act.ind.3s. tithemi lay down, give up + conj kai + pro.nom.p. ego + pres.act.ind.1p. opheilo owe, be obligated + prep huper + d.a.w/noun gen.m.p. adelphos + d.a.w/noun acc.f.p. psuche "lives" + aor.act.infin. tithemi lay down*]).

**VERSE 17 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** (ὅς δ' ἂν ἔχη τὸν βίον τοῦ κόσμου καὶ θεωρῇ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ χρεῖαν ἔχοντα καὶ κλείσῃ τὰ σπλάγχνα αὐτοῦ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ, πῶς ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ μένει ἐν αὐτῷ [*pro.nom.m.s. hos + conj de but + pres.act.subj.3s. echo have + d.a.w/noun acc.m.s. bios possessions, living, livelihood + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. kosmos + conj kai + pres.act.subj.3s. theoreo see, observe + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. adelphos + pro.gen.m.s. autos his + noun acc.f.s. chreia need + pres.act.part.acc.m.s. echo have + conj kai + d.a.w/noun acc.nt.pl. splagchnon innermost feelings; "heart" + pro.gen.m.s. autos his + prep apo + pro.gen.m.s. autos "against him" + interrog.adv. pos how? + noun nom.f.s. agape + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. theos + pres.act.ind.3s. meno abide + prep en + pro.loc.m.s. autos*]?)

**ANALYSIS: VERSES 16-17**

1. John here in v. 16 presents the supreme example of sacrificial love for another believer by citing the example of Jesus laying down His life for believers.
2. Love is demonstrated not just by having the proper mental attitude by be whatever actions the circumstances warrant.
3. There is no greater demonstration of love than when a person places himself in harm's way and dies to save another (cf. Jn. 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.").
4. Jesus laid down His life for His own (Jn. 10:11, 15, 17).
5. He placed Himself in harm's way to deliver us from spiritual death.
6. Harm's way included the wrath of God (three hours) as well as the sufferings associated with crucifixion.
7. The whole process ended when Jesus laid down His own life (Jn. 10:18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down and take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.").
8. Believers are to emulate this example at this level if the situation calls for it (cf. Jn. 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.").
9. The willingness to make this supreme sacrifice is remote, but it could happen.
10. But there is a risk-free opportunity that arises with much more frequency.
11. It concerns coming to the aid of another believer who has a living grace crisis or issue.
12. If a believer has the wherewithal and becomes aware of a situation of a fellow believer in need of living grace support the law of demands the appropriate assistance (food, clothing, utilities about to be shut off, a ride to Bible class, etc.).

13. The believer who overrides his desire to help the needy believer is no longer in fellowship.
14. The love of God abiding or not abiding refers to being in or out of fellowship.
15. Abide is used 20x in 1<sup>st</sup> John.
16. It is used in connection with being in fellowship at 2:6, 10, 24c, 28; 3:6, 17, 24ac; 4:12, 13a; 4:16bc.
17. It is used of doctrine in the soul at 2:14, 24ab (2x), 24b; 3:13b; 4:13, 16d; 2 Jn. 1:2, 9.
18. It is used of possessing eternal life at 2:17.
19. It is used of staying in a local assembly and all that entails at 2:19.
20. It is used of the indwelling Holy Spirit (2:27),
21. It is used of the human spirit (3:9).
22. It is used in connection with spiritual death (3:14, 15).