

IT'S REAL—8

It's REAL because it SHARES love for the brethren

1 John 3:10-24

Introduction. _____

This is only time in the Epistle John mentions any OT characters. It forms the best illustration on how the Christian is NOT to act in relation to his brothers and sisters in Christ:

I. **FIRST, NOTICE THREE CHARACTER _____ OR TRAITS OF CAIN THAT IDENTIFIES THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE (3:11-18).**

- A. First, notice the _____ act of murder (3:11-12).
- B. Secondly, note the _____ attribute of hatred (3:13-14).

For the same reasons Christians are hated:

- 1. First, note it is because of the way the Christian _____.
- 2. Secondly, notice it is because of the gospel the Christians _____.
- 3. Thirdly, consider also, because of the Christian's future _____.

INSERT: There are some issues that need clearing up here in order to understand the murder of Abel and how it might relate to which they lived:

- 1. **First, it needs to be understood that Cain didn't kill Abel after _____ time they had offered a sacrifice.**

2. **Secondly, it needs to be understood that Cain didn't get an unfair and unfavorable _____.**

3. **Thirdly, it needs to be pointed out that God graciously and clearly _____ Cain of his growing rebellious heart.**

C. Thirdly, consider the _____ action of indifference (3:17-18).

II. **SECONDLY, NOTE THREE CHARACTER _____ OR TRAITS OF LOVE THE PROVIDE PERSONAL CONFIDENCE.**

A. First, love _____ us to know that we are in the truth (3:19-20).

1. First, there must be _____ - _____ in respect to truth (3:19a) *"And hereby, we know that we are in the truth . . ."*

2. Secondly, there must be _____ - _____ in reference to truth (3:20).

B. Secondly, love _____ one to know the power of prayer (3:21-22).

C. Thirdly, love _____ one to know that he is abiding in Christ (3:23-34).

1. First, *"abiding in Christ,"* _____ with faith in Him (3:23a).

2. Secondly, *"abiding in Christ,"* _____ with loving other Christians (3:23b).

3. Thirdly, *"abiding in Christ,"* is _____ upon commandment keeping."

4. Fourthly, *"abiding in Christ,"* is _____ by the indwelling Holy Spirit (4:24b).