

“Authentic Membership: Loving” 1 John 3:11-16
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Introduction:

FPC Core Values

- God-honoring worship
- Every member a minister
- Intentional evangelism
- Authentic membership
- Every member mature in Christ

God’s message, like God Himself, doesn’t _____.
(vv. 11-13)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." – John 13:34

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." – John 15:12

"When one preaches Christianity in such a way that the echo answers, 'Away with that man, he does not deserve to live,' know that this is the Christianity of the New Testament." – Søren Kierkegaard, *The Echo Answers*

_____ from death to life (v. 14)

“Eternal life is evidenced not only in a general love for all mankind...but in a particular love for the brethren. True Christians, who have ‘passed from death unto life’, will hunger for Christian fellowship. They will not forsake the assembling of themselves together (Heb. 10:25), but will delight to meet together, to worship and pray together, and to talk together on spiritual topics, while their personal relationship with each other will be marked by unselfish and caring love.”

- John Stott, *The Epistles of John*

The essence of love is _____. (v. 16)

“Hate is negative, seeks the other person’s harm, and leads to activity against him, even to the point of murder. Love is positive, seeks the other person’s good, and leads to activity for him.” – Stott

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

- Ephesians 4:29

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

– Romans 14:19

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. – Hebrews 13:17

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