

SERMON NOTES

Part Four
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1 John 4:7-12 (NLT)

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

Big Takeaway: The world's hardware is rebellion against God. We are the software. Satan has infected the software with a serious virus — the hate virus!

Application: Hate, Hatred. Love, Loving! How can you be more loving to yourself, God and others?

_ Your Enemy

Leviticus 19:18 (NLT)

18 "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Matthew 5:43-44 (NLT)

43 "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

— Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address (March 4, 1865)

"Hate begets hate; violence begets violence; toughness begets a greater toughness. We must meet the forces of hate with the power of love."

—Martin Luther King, Jr. (1958)

Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NKJV)

8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

Luke 14:26 (NKJV)

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

God is perfect love – yet He hates.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)

16 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

Psalms 97:10a (NKJV) "You who love the Lord, hate evil!"

____ Everyday

Romans 14:7-8 (NLT)

7 For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. 8 If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

__ for Eternity

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

ANSWERS:

- 1. LOVE
- 2. LIVE
- 3. LONG