

A. The _____ of Authentic Fellowship – **1 John 3:11-22**

1. The message's _____ – **1 John 3:11** - *For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

2. The message's _____

a. We should not be like Cain – **1 John 3:12** - *We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.*

b. We should not be surprised – **1 John 3:13** - *Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.*

3. The message's _____

a. We know _____ who does have eternal life – **1 John 3:14** - *We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.*

b. We know _____ who doesn't have eternal life – **1 John 3:15** - *Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

4. The message's _____

a. By this we know by experience _____ – **1 John 3:16 -18**

1) The _____ of love – **1 John 3:16a**- *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us...*

2) The _____ of love – **1 John 3:16b-17** -... *and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?*

3) The _____ of love – **1 John 3:18** - *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

b. By this we know by experience _____ – **1 John 3:19-22**

1) The assurance we are in the _____ – **1 John 3:19-20** - *By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.*

2) The assurance of _____ – **1 John 3:21-22** - *Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.*

B. The _____ of Authentic Fellowship – **1 John 3:23-24**

1. The mandate _____ – **1 John 3:23** - *And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.*

2. The mandate _____ – **1 John 3:24** - *Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.*

So...What's it to me?

