

# Sermon 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> John

## Dealing with the Evil People

### *“Dealing With Anger and Hatred”*

John says deal with the issues. Here they are...

1. Deal with Sin (1:8-10)
2. Deal with the Devil (2:12-14)
3. Deal with the World (2:15-17)
4. Deal with the Flesh (2:15-17)
5. Deal with **Evil People (2:9-11, 18)**
6. Deal with One Another (3:11-18) May 11, Mother’s Day
7. Deal with Doubts (3:19-25) May 18
8. Deal with Idols (5:21) May 25

**1 John 2:3-11 (8-11) NKJV – Hates his brother**

**8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 9. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**

**1 John 3:11-18 NKJV – Love in Deed and Truth**

11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 **not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother**. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the **world hates you**. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who **does not love his brother** abides in death. 15 Whoever **hates his brother is a murderer**, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and **shuts up his heart from him**, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

**1 John 4:19-21 NKJV – Liars Hate but speak love**

19 We love Him because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and **hates his brother**, he is a liar; for he who **does not love his brother** whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

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# How to Deal With Evil People

**Evil people** will always be around, whether it is people who are antichrists (1 John ) or people who are mean spirited, even among believers. The Word of God has addressed this issue, not just in 1 John but all through the Old and New Testaments. I want to use today's Scripture as a launching pad for addressing the issue of dealing with evil people. Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation (meaning trouble, trials, afflictions, and persecutions)

## In the world you will have tribulation.

The world hates

- **John 15:18** If **the world** [hate you](#), you know that it hated me before *it hated* you.
- **John 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In **the world** you shall [have tribulation](#): but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- **1 John 3:13** Marvel not, my brethren, if **the world** [hate you](#).

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## SCRIPTURES – 1 John 2:9, 1 John 3:15, 1 John 4:20

### Hatred Today

In our recent Good Friday service we placed two crosses in the narthex along with our communion supplies and asked people to write their sins (without names) on the cross and nail it there asking God's forgiveness. For security we collected those paper scraps and someone put them in my office. A few weeks later I opened it just out of curiosity as to what were the most common sins. I was shocked. I did not expect to see what was so often repeated there. The most frequent sin confessed was that of "hatred." I thought it might be lust, anger, or evil thoughts or words.

### Define Hatred in Believers

**Hatred** is a word to describe immense feelings of dislike toward a person or a thing. An intense feeling towards someone or something, wanting to kill, or harm a person, in feelings of dislike.

Prolonged anger has no place in the believer's life. Bitterness or hurt feelings has no place in the believer's life.

Hatred is the harboring of resentment, evil wishes, silent anger, and bitterness toward another. In most cases of hatred, the confessors are probably justified by the world's standards for the hatred they have toward that evil person. People do bad things, say awful things, and behave toward others in some very unjust and ungodly ways.

Jesus had much to say about our treatment of being ill treated. John similarly recognized the issue of hatred even among believers in his church at Ephesus and wherever he traveled. It is a common problem. We need to deal with it.

## **What is hate?**

Hate is a strong negative emotion, the opposite of love. It is a strong dislike of someone to the point of wishing they would disappear and never come back. Hate hopes something bad will happen to them to teach them a lesson. Extreme hate wishes they were dead, and wouldn't protest if they were. You may not want to kill them, but you wouldn't mind or blame if someone else did. Hate is almost always accompanied by anger and bitterness.

## **How to know when you hate someone?**

- when you just can't stand to be in the same room as them
- when you look at them and want to slap them
- when you are nauseated when you hear their name
- when you just can't muster any good words about them no matter how hard you try
- when you can't stand to hear their voice
- when you wish that person to fail in everything
- when something goes bad with that person you feel good
- when you see them, and look away in disgust
- when you want to kill them, or wish someone else would

then you probably hate them.

## **Why we hate some people?**

- They have crossed you
- They have irritated you
- They cheated you
- They stole something from you
- They disagreed with you
- They made fun of you
- They push you around
- They spoke evil of you
- They gave you a bad grade (review)
- They hurt you
- They scorned you
- They boss you around
- They make you do what you don't want to do
- They gossip about you

## **How un hate someone: evil people?**

1. Resist not evil – Matthew 5:39 - but turn the other cheek, mercy not justice
2. Pray for them – Matthew 5:44 “Father forgive them they know not...”
3. Bless and Curse not - Curse not - Romans 12:14 (name calling, labeling)
4. Do good not evil – Romans 12:20 (no getting even, keep doing good)
5. Speak no evil – Eph. 4:29 (ie. Hate is a thought) (ie. Lincoln and Stanton's letter)
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These passages are found mostly in Matthew 5, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4, and Philippians 4. All of these are good mental health passages. What is Eph for? What is Phillipians for? Mental health.

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- Matthew 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye **resist not** evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
  - Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and **pray for them** which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
  - Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and **curse not**.
  - Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt **heap** coals of fire on his head.
  - Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed **out of your mouth**, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
  - Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, **think** on these things.

**Be kind one to another, compassionate (tenderhearted)  
to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in God in Christ forgave you. – Ephesians 4:32**

## Suggested Books

- *The Power of Positive Thinking* – Norman Vincent Peale
- *Move Ahead With Positive Thinking* – Robert Schuller
- *How to Win Friends and Influence People* – Dale Carnegie
  
- *Happiness Is a Choice* – Frank Minirth and Paul Meier
- *The Anger Workbook* - By: Les Carter, Frank Minirth
- *How To Get Along With Almost Anyone*, H. Norman Wright

### **Matthew 5:39-44 NIV – Actions**

38. "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' 39. But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. 43. "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44. But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45. that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47. And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48. Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

### **Luke 6:27-37 – No credit for loving the lovely**

27. "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28. bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. 30. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. 33. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. 34. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. 35. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

### **Romans 12:14-20 – Attitudes**

9. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. 14. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **Ephesians 4:29 – Words**

26. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27. and do not give the devil a foothold. 28. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. 29. 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. 30. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

### **Philippians 4:8 – Thoughts**

4. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5. Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8. **Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.** 9. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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Do good  
Bless them  
Pray for them  
Resist not  
Give to  
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## **HATE – This week’s message: He that hates his brother**

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## **LOVE (26) – Next Week: Love one another**

- 1 John 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
- 1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.
- 1 John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
- 1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.
- 1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.
- 1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
- 1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
- 1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.
- 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
- 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- 1 John 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
- 1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
- 1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
- 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
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- 1 John 4:21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.
- 1 John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
- 1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.