

THE OBJECTS OF OUR LOVE

1 JOHN 4:20, 21; 5:1-3

“Thou shall not KILL”



We *love* because
He first *loved* us.
1 *John* 4:19



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❖ 1. **LOVE THE SEEN BROTHER, 4:20-21.**

❖ 2. **LOVE OBEYS THE WORD, 5:1-3.**

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***“If someone says, “I love God,”
and hates his brother, he is a liar;
for the one who does not love his brother
whom he has seen ,
cannot love God
whom he has not seen.”***

Verse 20



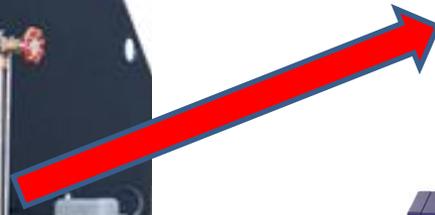
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out of mind

❖ 1. LOVE THE SEEN BROTHER, 4:20-21.

***“And this commandment
we have from Him,
that the one who loves God
should love his brother also.”***

Verse 21

*Your love for your brother
is the measure of
your love for God*



❖ 2. LOVE OBEYS THE WORD, 5:1-3.

***“Whoever believes that
Jesus is the Christ is born of God;
and whoever loves the Father
loves the one born of Him.”***

Verse 1

❖ 2. LOVE OBEYS THE WORD, 5:1-3.

***“By this we know that
we love the children of God,
when we love God
and observe His commandments.”***

Verse 2

The one who realizes that,
although he's a sinner and a failure,
because God has been so good to him,
he has no reasonable option
but to love his brother

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Thomas Nelson, 2003, S. 1630]

❖ 2. LOVE OBEYS THE WORD, 5:1-3.

***“For this is the love of God,
that we keep His commandments;
and His commandments are not
burdensome.”***

Verse 3

“keep” = “guard”
“keep watch over”



"Oh, no sir!
He's not heavy,
he's my
brother!"

God's commands are given
to enhance our lives
rather than restrict them

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you,
and learn of me;

for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light"

(Mt. 11:28-30).