

# **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



# 1 JOHN

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

❖ 2. **LOVE OBEYS THE WORD, 5:1-3.**

❖ 1. LOVE THE SEEN BROTHER, 4:20-21.

***“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



**out of sight,  
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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❖ 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).