**Sermon Notes for June 14, 2020**

**Westview Baptist Church**

***“Love One Another”***

**Point 1: LOVE ONE ANOTHER (vs. 11-15)**

*11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. 1st John 3:11-15 NIV11* *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. - John 16:33 NIV11*

***The more like Christ you are the more the world will treat you like they treated Christ. Maybe you don’t see much persecution because there’s not that much similarity?” - John MacArthur***

**Point 2: WHAT LOVE IS (vs. 16-18)**

*16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
 - 1st John 3:16-18 NIV11*

**Where CAIN TOOK LIFE.**

**Jesus GIVES LIFE.**

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” - John 10:10 NIV11*

**Vs. 16: A CALL TO LIVE SACRIFICIALLY
Vs. 17: A CALL TO LIVE GENEROUSLY
Vs. 18: A CALL TO LIVE BODLY**

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? - Romans 10:14 NIV11*

**“Love that fails to take the form of action on behalf of others is nothing more than religious rhetoric.”**

**LOVE EQUALS SACRIFICE**

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8 NASB*

 **Point 3: WHAT LOVE REQUIRES (vs. 19-24)**

*19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: 20 If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.
 1st John 3:19-24 NIV11*

**When our souls find rest in God, then we know He can take care of the rest.**

 **The most loving thing we can do for others is love God more than we love them. For if we love God most, we will love others best. – Jon Bloom**