



# First Baptist

LOVE IS FIRST

## Sunday Sermon Notes: July 9, 2017

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### Experience Loving One Another – 1 John 3:11-18

#### I. Jesus' message changes my heart! v. 11

- Rhyming my actions and my heart
- Experiencing the truth together! Five marks of a healthy church (taken from Robert Schnase in Five Practices of Fruitful Congregation)
  1. Radical Hospitality
  2. Passionate Worship
  3. Intentional Faith Development
  4. Risk-Taking Mission and Service
  5. Extravagant Generosity.

*Take It Home...*

- Only three things last.

#### II. John's case study in Hatred - v. 12-13, 15

- Anger has a steep price
- We are living within the world's hatred

*Take It Home...*

- Cain thought God wanted a gift. What he didn't understand is what God really wanted was HIM!

#### III. Jesus' message changes not only my actions but also WHY I do them! v. 16-18

- Our example has been set!
- Our choices show our character

*Take It Home...*

- Sacrificial love isn't just about WHAT we give but WHY.
- Actions, not words, reflect what we believe. What do yours say?