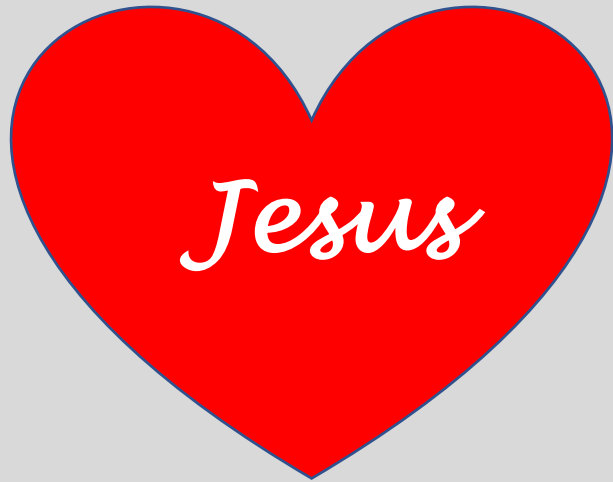


Opposites Don't Attract
1 John 3:11-15



Unequally Yoked

- **2 Corinthians 6:14** - ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

What is Love?

- **1 John 3:11** - ¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

3 Words for Love in Greek New Testament

1. *Agape*
2. *Philia*
3. *Storge*

Agape

- **Agape** - The love that serves regardless of changing circumstances. Unconditional love. Often described as the greatest of loves.
- **John 14:21** - ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who **loves** me. And he who loves me will be **loved** by my Father, and I will **love** him and manifest myself to him.”

Philia

- **Philia** - The love between friends - a strong bond between people who share common values, interests or activities.
- **1 Peter 3:8** - ⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly **love**, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Storge

- **Storge** - A natural affection between kinfolk/ those brought together with a common bond.
- **Romans 12:10** - ¹⁰ **Love** one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Christian Love Is vs Is Not

Christian Love

Worldly Love

Courageous	Fearful/Cowardice
Confronts Sin	Acceptance/Tolerance of Sin
Humble	Pride/Arrogance
Peace	Violence
Christ First – Serve Others	Self-First – Others Last

Christian Love vs Worldly Love

Opposites Don't Attract

- **John 14:15** - ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- **James 4:4** - ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- **1 John 2:15-17** - ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

The Example of Cain

- **1 John 3:12** - ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

The Connection Between Cain and Modern Wokeness and Progressives

Cain

Bitterness – When not getting his way

Selfish – His way is the right way

Anger/Rage – Do Not Like the Answer “No”

Violence – Justifiable when wronged

Woke and Progressive Movement

Bitterness – when not getting their way

Selfish -Their way is the right way

Anger/Rage – Do Not Like the Answer “No”

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The Example of Cain

- **Genesis 4:3-8** - ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

The Example of Jesus

- **Luke 22:49-51** - ⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.
- **Matthew 26:52-53** - ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

Marks/Character of True Christians


- **Romans 12:14-21** - ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Opposites Do Not Attract – The World vs Jesus

- **1 John 3:13-15** - ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Christian Example Changes the World

- **Matthew 5:16** - ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- **Luke 6:27-28** - ²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.
- **Romans 12:21** - ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.

Martin Luther King, Jr.