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Back Ground Information

- **It was written between AD 85 and 96.**
- **This particular letter was written to the Christian church as they were struggling with a philosophy known as Gnosticism.**
- **The strongest message, which we will cover today, is that of fellowship with God, and fellowship with others through love that was first shown to us by God and through which we imitate Christ's love towards others.**

The Map for Today

3 stops on our Journey

- 1. The Should and Should nots vs. 11-15**
- 2. Hospitality as love in action vs. 16-18**
- 3. Fellowship as abiding vs. 19-24**

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we are not abiding in Christ**

The Should and Should nots

1 John 3:11 ESV

“For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”

The Should and Should nots

1 John 3:12 ESV

“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 Should and Should nots

1 John 3:13-14 ESV

“Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.”

The Should and Should nots

1 John 3:15 ESV

“Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

Hospitality as Love in Action

1 John 3:16 ESV

“By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

Hospitality as Love in Action

1 John 3:17-18 ESV

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

Fellowship as Abiding

1 John 3:19-20 ESV

“By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our hearts before Him; for whenever our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything.”

Fellowship as Abiding

1 John 3:21-22 ESV

“Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him.”

Fellowship as Abiding

1 John 3:23 ESV

“And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He has commanded us.”

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- 2. and love one another :Orthopraxy**

Fellowship as Abiding

1 John 3:24 ESV

“Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”

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- 3. Pray that you can see the divine interruptions of love that God puts in your way**

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