

Overcoming Hatred

"He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now." 1 John 2:9 (New King James Version)

1 John 5:4 - The way to _____ the world is by our _____.

A Departure From God's Plan

A. Genesis 4 - The earliest sins of man:

1. 4:3-5 - Cain _____ his _____ after his sacrifice was not _____ by God.
2. 4:6,7 - _____ warned Cain that his feelings were _____, and that he should _____ over it.
3. 4:8 - But Cain's anger _____ over him and led him to commit _____.

B. Hatred is the antithesis of love:

1. Matthew 22:36-40 - The two _____ commandments are all about _____. It's clearly what God _____.
2. Proverbs 10:12 - Hatred is the _____ of _____.
3. Proverbs 15:17 - Hatred makes even a banquet a _____.
4. 1 John 2:9,10 - To hate is to _____ in _____; to love is to _____ in _____.

How To Overcome Hatred

A. **Recognize hatred for what it is:**

1. Galatians 5:20 - Hatred is named a _____ of the _____.
2. McManus: It's like _____ and waiting for the other person to _____!

B. **Realize where hatred will lead:**

1. John 15:18 - The world _____ Jesus because of _____.
2. 1 John 3:15 - Whoever hates his _____ is a _____.

C. **Practice Godly love toward all (including enemies):**

1. Matthew 5:43-48 - We are to _____ our enemies, to treat them as _____ treats those who hate Him. We are to aim to be _____.
2. Romans 12:9,17-21 - We must leave _____ to God, and instead go _____ for our _____. We must _____ evil with _____ (or else we'll be _____ by _____).

D. Matthew 6:12 - **We must _____ for God's _____.**

Washington would not let anyone make him _____ them.

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