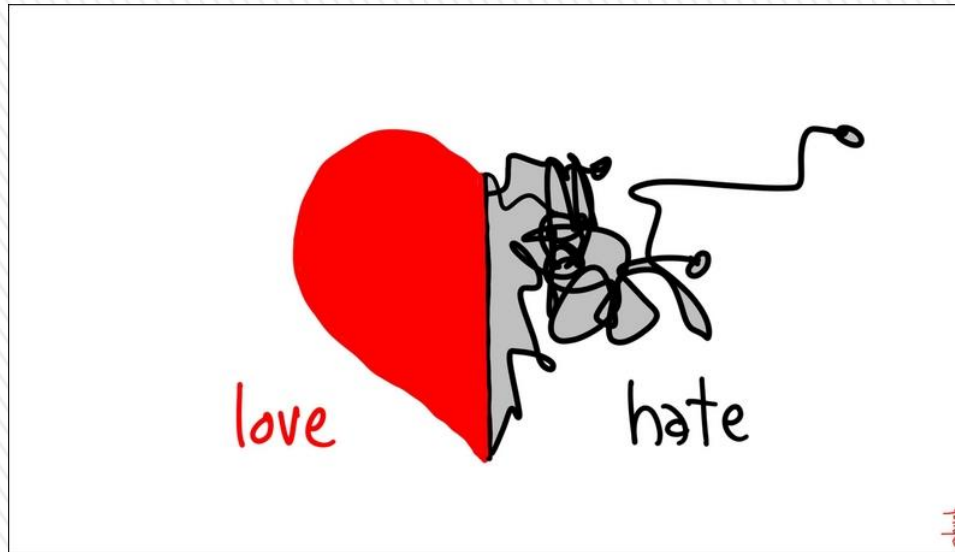
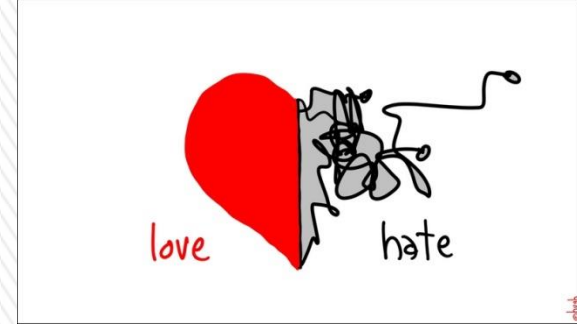


1 John 2:7-11



**Love or Hatred for
Brothers & sisters?**



- » **Beloved and Little children**
- » **I am writing to you...specific instructions**
- » **Tried and true is nothing really new.**
- » **Love and hatred—opposites**
- » **Crucial for the life of the body of Christ**

Introduction



» Seems that love and giving were part of the early Christian message

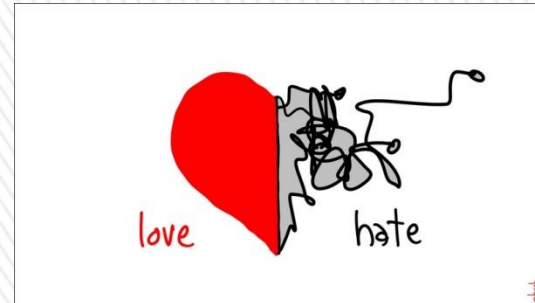
» Stories of Jesus

» Foundational reminders are necessary

» “Had” this teaching

You had this teaching

from the beginning

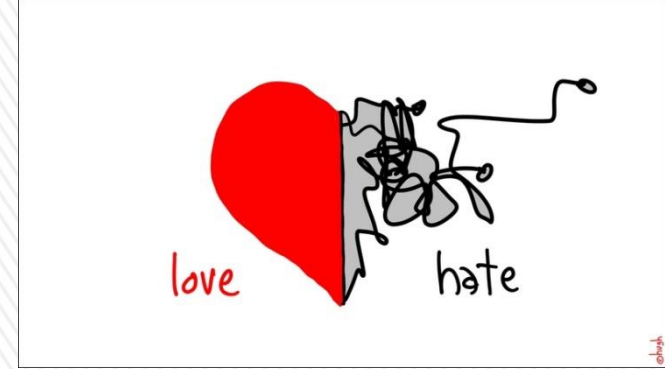


» It is true in him

» It is true in you

» Christian doctrine is meant to be lived out=Praxis, theory & practice

» God is love, Jesus is love

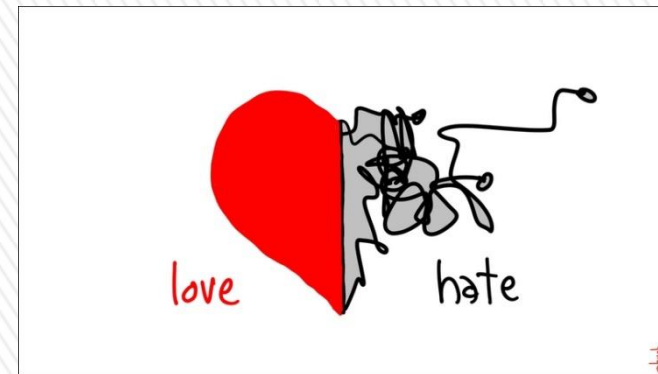


**Embodied teaching
about love**



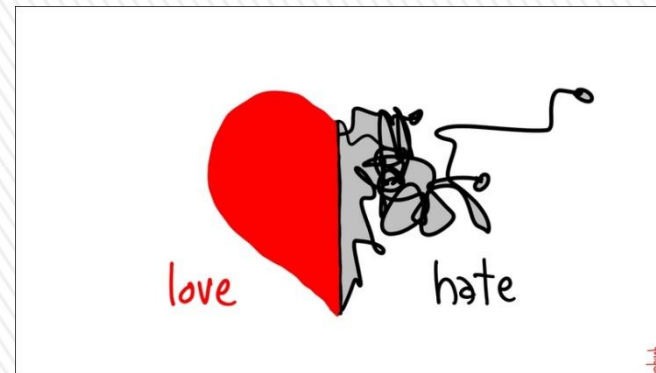
- » Growth is a slow, painful process
- » The darkness is passing away
- » True light is already shining
- » Transitions are difficult
- » Stepping more and more into the light

**Period of
transition for love** >



- » **Hatred is such strong language!**
- » **Spiritual blindness causes stumbling—**
- » **Darkness is a misrepresentation**
- » **Hatred is in darkness and walks in darkness**
- » **Perhaps hatred is a slow journey like slow darkness creeping up for the night!**

Hatred blinds

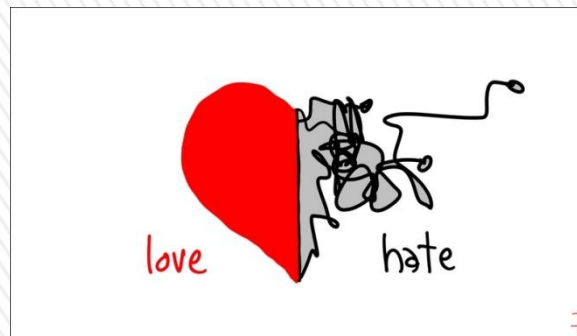


- » True light is already shining in Jesus
- » True light is already shining in us
- » true commandment and true light=authenticity and what is real
- » Love enables us to abide, remain in the light
- » Path in the light has no cause for stumbling

**Love is the light
on our Path**



- » Learned from the beginning
- » Embody love daily?
- » My transitional journey?
- » Have I been blinded by hatred?
- » Is my path enlightened by love?



Love or Hatred?

