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Beginning Love

1 John 3:11, “This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.”

In our journey through the understanding of love, we continue to see aspects of love that allow us to understand the kind of love that God has for us. We also see the kind of love we are to have for each other. It is interesting that John frames this statement in scripture in the way he does. This is the message you heard from the beginning. The Greek word John uses here is arche which means the person that begins or creates. Gen. 1:1 says - In the beginning God...

What John is saying here is significant - The beginning is God Himself. Revelation tells us that Jesus is the Alpha and Omega...the beginning and the end. And this is the message you have heard from “the beginning.” We should love one another. Jesus is calling us to join Him in loving one another. What is even more significant about this verse is that the only way we can join Jesus in loving one another is to have His kind of love. There are basically three kinds of love described in the New Testament. Phileo which means “brotherly love; eros which means physical love, and agape which means complete and unconditional love. John is saying that the only way we can agape one another is by receiving that kind of love from the Creator of it, Jesus. We cannot love like that unless we know the giver of that kind of love. Do you know Jesus? Not just about Him, but know Him? He desires to have a real and eternal relationship with you. You can, by trusting Him as Lord and calling on Him to forgive your sins and create in you a new heart; one that is able to agape others.

Dear Lord, we need Your kind of love in a world that needs it desperately. Help me to love like You do. Help me to love the unlovable. Help me to love all people. In Jesus Name, Amen