

1 John 3:10-24 New Testament for Everyone (NTE)

10 That is how it is clear who are the children of God and who are the children of the devil: everyone who does not do what is right is not of God, particularly those who do not love their brother or sister.

The Challenge of Love

11 This is the message which you heard right from the start, you see, that we should love one another. **12** We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one, and murdered his brother. Why did he murder him? Because his deeds were evil, while his brother's were right.

13 Don't be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the family. Anyone who doesn't love abides in death.

15 Everyone who hates their brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has the life of the coming age abiding in them. **16** This is how we know love: he laid down his life for us. And we too ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** Anyone who has the means of life in this world, and sees a brother or sister in need, and closes their heart against them – how can God's love be abiding in them? **18** Children, let us not love in word, or in speech, but in deed and in truth.

19 Because of this, we know we are of the truth, and we will persuade our hearts of this fact before him, **20** because if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts. He knows everything.

21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, **22** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and give him pleasure when he sees what we are doing. **23** And this is his command, that we should believe in the name of his son Jesus the Messiah, and should love one another, just as he gave us the commandment. **24** Anyone who keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. This is how we know that he abides in us, by his Spirit that he has given us.

WHAT DO YOU THINK SPIRITUAL GROWTH LOOKS LIKE?

- If God is love, then growth among us will look like LOVE.
- Do we love our brother and sister?
- Where does our life come from?



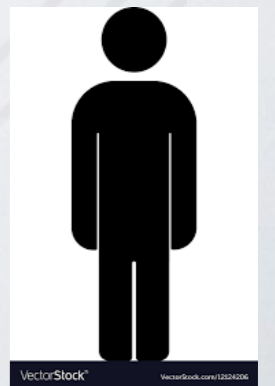
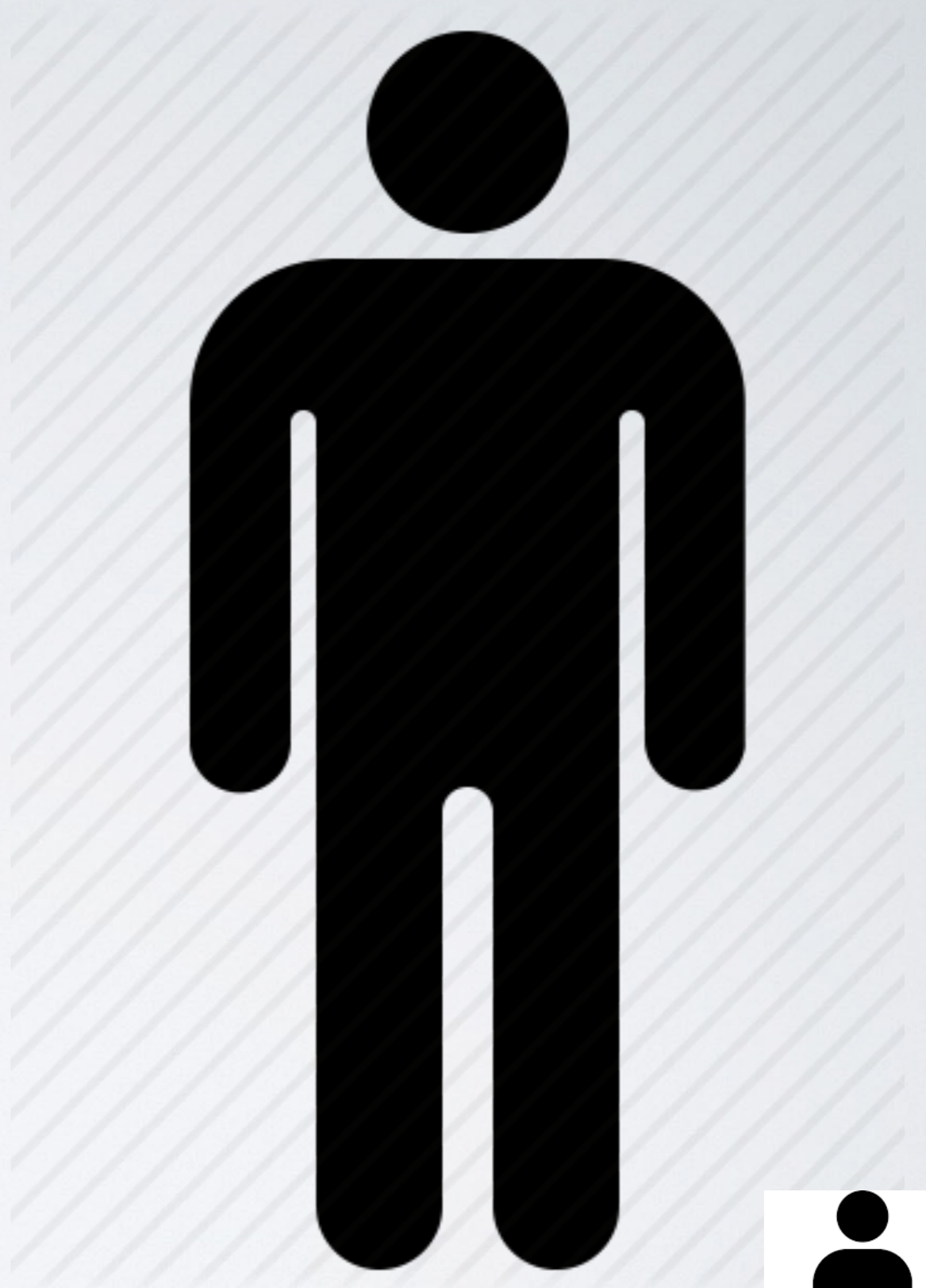
2 Realms/Kingdoms/Allegiances



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**And in him you too
are being built
together to become
a dwelling in which
God lives by his
Spirit. Eph 2:22**

The amount of love that is
shared among us is a measure
of how much God is among
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This is how we know
what THE love is: Jesus
Christ laid down his life
for us. v 16



**“ If you want to get
warm you must stand
near the fire: if you
want to be wet you
must get into the
water. If you want joy,
power, peace, eternal
life, you must get close
to, or even into, the
thing that has them. ”**



C. S. Lewis

(Mere Christianity)

A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34,35

