

The Letters of John



Class 5 – I John 3:If

WHY SHOULDN'T CHRISTIANS SIN?

1. Because children **emulate** their parents. (vs 1-2)
2. Because of our **hope** of heaven. (vs 2-3 see also Php 3:21)
3. Because habitual sin is a life of **rebellion**. (vs 4)
4. Because Jesus died to **remove** sins. (vs 5)
5. Because habitual sin **blinds** us to Christ. (vs 6-8)
6. Because the goal of knowledge is to plant **a seed** that will **grow**. (vs 9)
7. Because our character is built around our Father and **forbids** us from such behavior. (vs 9)

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest...

Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God

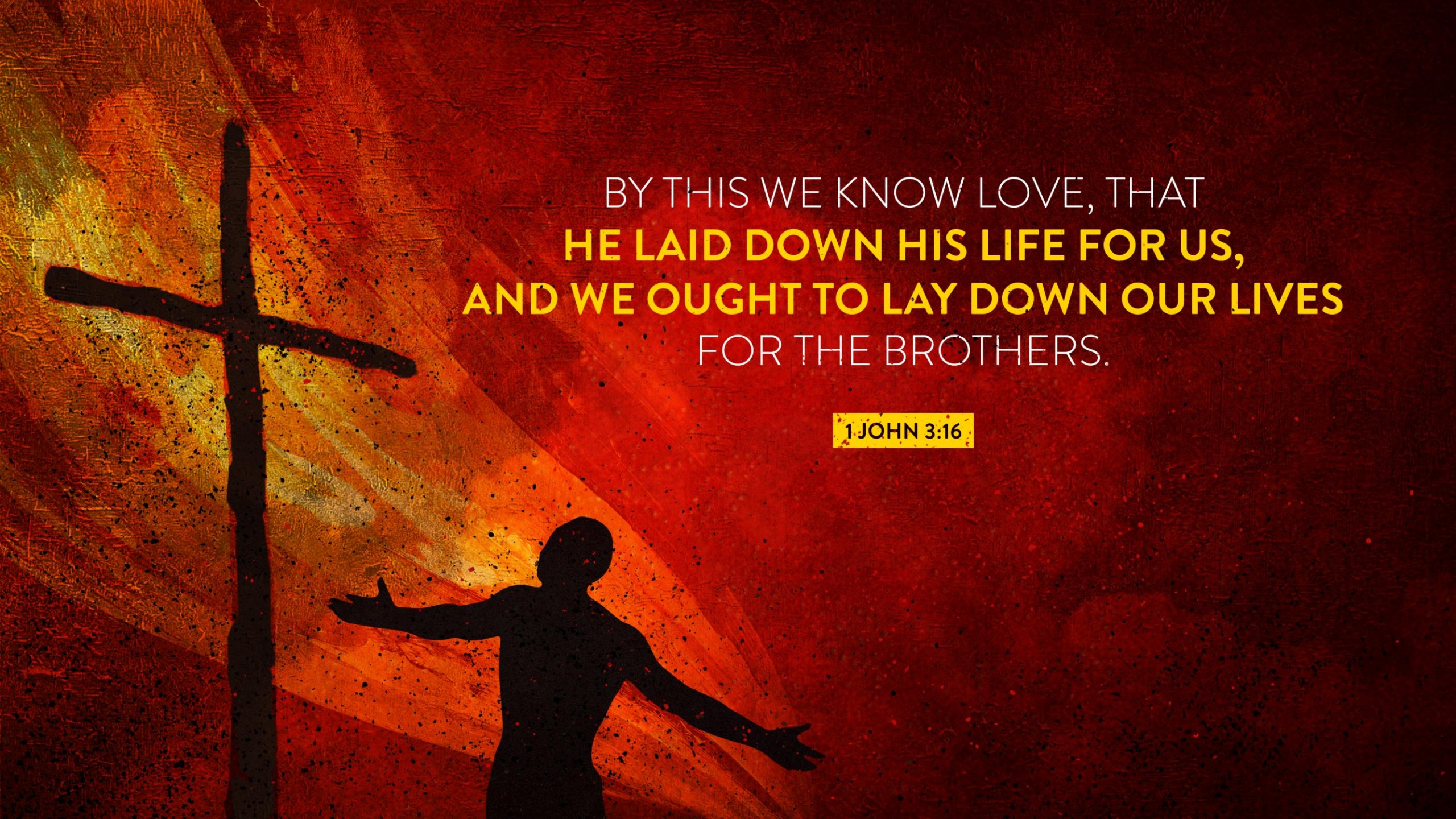
Nor is he who does not love his brother





For this is the message
which you have heard
from the beginning,
that we should love
one another, not as
Cain, who was of the
evil one and slew his
brother.

And for what reason
did he slay him?



BY THIS WE KNOW LOVE, THAT
**HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US,
AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES**
FOR THE BROTHERS.

1 JOHN 3:16



Little children, let us not love in word or talk
but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18

“And by this we know that we are of the truth, **and shall assure our hearts** before Him.”

There is a **HUGE** problem that Christians face!

- We know that there are people that are confident they will be saved – but they are **wrong**. (Matt. 7:22-23)
- We also know that none of us **deserves** to go to heaven (Rom 3:10)
- So we struggle with having any confidence in our own salvation because we don't want to sound prideful and we don't want to be one of those hypocrites.
- So we spend our whole lives **fearful** of death instead of **confident** of eternal life.

JOHN 3:19-24 deals with this problem.

OUR ACTIONS REVEAL OUR **HEARTS** AND OUR **RELATIONSHIP**
WITH CHRIST