



BETHELCHURCH

**Overcome: A Series in 1 John**  
What It Means To Be A Christian  
1 John 3:11-24  
Dr. Ken Hanna

## At Home Study Guide

For the week of March 6, 2016

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### What It Means To Be A Christian

It is easy to say we ought to, “love one another,” but not always so easy to do. You cannot believe in Jesus without loving others. John wrote 1 John to build up the early followers of Jesus not beat them up. Loving our brothers and sisters in Christ does not cause one to enter into spiritual life with Jesus but it is the evidence of a life that has been transferred from darkness into light. John is very clear in 1 John 3:11-24 that the one who remains unloving remains in death. Life in Christ is evidenced by a love for others. The love from Christ will always move toward action.

- Was there anything that surprised you or stood out to you from the message on Sunday?
- Circle or underline each time John uses the word, “know,” in 1 John 3:11-24. Summarize the passage in your own words paying special attention to what you can know for sure.
- In John 10:7-18 and 15:13 Jesus talks about laying down His life. How is Jesus the perfect example of what it means to love one another?
- Luke 6:27-36 record Jesus’ teaching about how we are to love those who are enemies of God. How does this section of 1 John 3 relate to Luke 6?
- In what areas do you sense the Holy Spirit leading you to express the love of Jesus beyond words through actions?

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