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“Is There A Thin Line Between Love And Hate?” John 15:17; Ephesians 4:22

At this time, Jesus points out to His disciples that even though they have all these promises and all these blessings and all these Holy Spirit enabled abilities, they will soon find themselves in the midst of a hostile, rebellious, God-hating world.

Mankind in general and believers in particular are too busy to reflect on their thoughts and motivations.

One result of regularly inhaling biblical truth is that we as Church Age believers love one another as Jesus loves us.

The type of love spoken of here is despised by Satan and his demons along with the entire world system that he devised.

We may love the world but the world doesn't love us.

To be loved by someone who is unstable is very difficult but to be hated by someone who is unstable is unbearable.

“Put off” in Ephesians 4:22 does not refer to the removal of the sin nature but rather to not allow the sin nature to rule in one's life.

All unbelievers are controlled by their sin natures and as such are either moral (self-righteous) or immoral (self-degenerate).

There is an affinity between the outside influence of satanic or human viewpoint and the inside influence of the lust patterns of the soul.

1. The sin nature was formed within the free-will of the first woman's soul.

2. The sin nature is the basis for our spiritual death.

3. The sin nature is dead to God so whoever possesses one is spiritually dead as far as God is concerned unless he has added a new nature as a result of being born-again in Christ.

4. Once a believer enters darkness, he derives

his motivation from the lust inclinations of his previously rendered ineffective sin nature.

Lucifer's lust to replace God overcame him when he said “I will” five times in Isaiah 14.

No believer with the exception of parents with minor children, has the right to tell another believer what to do.

In many churches today, we see the same attitude in leadership as that of an over-bearing husband.

The Word of God is designed to bring response from man's free-will but it never wipes out his free-will.