

FIRST JOHN 5:1-3

THE CONTOURS OF BROTHERLY LOVE

I. The comforts arising from brotherly love

- A. God's presence
- B. God's work

II. The caveat attached to brotherly love

- A. The confession bears apostolic verification
- B. The confession is personal
- C. The confession concerns a person
- D. The confession concerns a God
- E. The confession accompanies knowledge and faith
- F. The confession requires steadfastness

III. The cumbrances standing before brotherly love

A. Fear

Three directives for putting off fear and putting on brotherly love.

1. Abide!
2. Divide!
3. Depend!

B. Hypocrisy

Three insights for addressing hypocrisy.

1. Description
2. Diagnosis
3. Destruction

IV. The contours drawn for brotherly love

The contours of brotherly love include two pronounced points.

1. Who to love
2. How to love