

God, under the pretext of brotherly love, is not to love them as the children of God. If I loved them *as such*, I should love their Father and my Father, and I could not walk in disobedience to Him, and call it a proof that I loved them because they were His.

The universality of this love with regard to all the children of God: its exercise in practical obedience to His will: these are the marks of *true* brotherly love. That which has not these marks is a mere carnal party spirit, clothing itself with the name and the forms of brotherly love. Most certainly I do not love the Father, if I encourage His children in disobedience to Him.

“Moreover the semblance of love which does not maintain the truth, but accommodates itself to that which is not the truth, is not love according to God.

It is the taking advantage of the name of love in order to help on the seductions of Satan.

In the last days the test of true love is the maintenance of the truth. God would have us love one another; but the Holy Ghost, by whose power we receive this divine nature, and who pours the love of God into our hearts, is the Spirit of truth; and His office is to glorify Christ. Therefore it is impossible that a love which can put up with a doctrine that falsifies Christ, and which is indifferent to it, can be of the Holy Ghost—still less so, if such indifference be set up as the proof of that love.”