

## JOHN WRITES ABOUT CHRISTIAN LOVE

I John 4:7-21

Our lesson to-day tells some of the things that the disciple John taught about love. John wanted every heart to be so full of love that there would not be room for any unkind thoughts. John and Peter helped everyone; they were kind



to all, no matter whether they were pleasant people or cross people, and no matter whether it was hard or easy to be kind.

John says, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." If Jesus loved us enough to come down from his home in heaven to die for us, ought we not to love our playmates and our friends enough to be kind and patient?

When a man asked Jesus about the people that he ought to love, Jesus told him a story. Jesus said that one day a Jewish man was going along a lonely road when some robbers came and beat him and took away everything that he had. They even took his clothes. And they left him lying there and went away.

By and by a priest came along the road. But he was in a hurry, and did not stop. Perhaps he thought: "Oh, that isn't a friend of mine. I never saw him before."

The poor man's cuts and bruises must have hurt him very