

of whom the greater part remain unto the present, but some are fallen asleep. Thus the greater part are still~~re~~ living, Paul said, when he wrote the I Corinthians, ~~of-hu~~ The five hundred brethren who were ready to testify that they had seen Jesus Christ raised from the dead. Many of ~~them~~^a important events in history have far less evidence for them than that. It is^a solidly based upon~~-the~~ fact upon which the spread of Christianity was based, ~~The~~ resurrection of Jesus Christ from the ead. So, John stresses the importance of Christian love and it is tremendously important, and we should learn to show it and then to manifest it to have it in~~of~~ our hearts, but it is love which must be based upon truth, or it will not last, and it cannot last, and so John continues in verse 3: "Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the FAther, in truth and ~~live-~~ love." ~~As-it-cannot-last;~~ ~~So,-Jon-continues-~~ I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, and we have received a commandment from the Father, And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments." It~~this~~ is not love simply to be namby and tamby, and ignore justice and righteousness. That is not love. It is love that we walk after his ^{your} commandments. You see ~~a~~ little child walking along here, heading over toward the edge of a ravine, and you say that, Dear little boy, I would not want to ~~hea~~ hurt him for anything. I would not inter~~fe~~re with it. I love him too much to ~~love--~~ intervere with ~~in~~ him. That is not love. You will run after him and you will grab him and you pull him back, and even if he yells, and dislikes it. You are showing love by saving his life. You are showing love by doing what is necessary even if it is disagreeable ~~to~~ in order to be for his good. And this is love that we walk after his commandments. God~~s~~ does not command us necessarily to talk a great deal about love, but he does command us to show Christian love. And the greatest love we can show toward others is that which John d~~des~~cribes in I John 4: as we noticed is that "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." And the greatest love that