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 neni, Mhow abideth the love of God in   
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 compassion from him, how   
 ik, xxii, him ? 18 Little children, ‘let us dwelleth the love of God   
 Si. ftom. not love with word, neither with in him? 18 My little chil:   
 tongue; but in deed and in truth. dren, let us not love in   
 ii 19 And herein shall we know \* that word, neither in tongue ;   
 Tet. i. we are of the truth, and shall per- but in deed and in truth.   
 + all 19 And hereby we know   
 oldest MSS. that we are of the truth,   
 k dohn xviii,   
 harduess of heart, but an act of exclusion Tove: following naturally on the example   
 from sympathy following deliberately on of the want of it given in the last verse.   
 the beholding of his brother’s distress) bis Little children, let us not love with word,   
 bowels (i. e. bis the seat of compas- nor yet with tongue, but (let us love)   
 sion: as so often in the New 'Test., this in deed and truth (there is some little   
 expression carries the idea of turaing away diffienlty in assigning these words their   
 from him. As Diisterdieek remarks, the several places in the contrast. Notice   
 fact that a man up his heart against: first, that the two former, with word and   
 his brother, includes in it the fact that with tongue, simply relate to the instra-   
 that brother is exelnded from the heart ment, whereas the two latter are intro-   
 thus shut up), how (can it be that ? as in Auced by the preposition in, denoting the   
 ch. iv. 20) doth the love of God (i. e. from element in which. The trae account of   
 express filling out of the thought the arrangement seems to be, that the   
 in ch. iv, 20, “Zove to God ;” not God’s usual contrast of word and deed is more   
 love to us. See also eh. ii. 5, where we sharply defined by the explanatory terms,   
 have the same expression and reference to tongue and truth : with the tongue giving,   
 the love of God being ina man. The con- by making the mere bodily member the   
 text indeed here might seem, as the men- instrument, more precisely the idea of ab-   
 tion of Christ’s love to us as so imme- sence of truth than even with word, and   
 itely preceded, to require the other in truth more definitely the idea of its   
 ; or at least, that of “the love presence than even in deed. As connected   
 whereof God hath set us a pattern :” and with the exhortation in this verse, I may   
 aceordingly both these have been held. cite the tradition reported by Jerome in his   
 But I sce not how we ean eseape the force Commentary on Gal. vi. 10: “The blessed.   
 of the passages above cited) abide in him John, the Evangelist, living on at Ephesus   
 (Liicke and Diisterdieck are disposed to into extreme old age, and being with diffi-   
 Tay a stress on the word abide here, culty borne by the hands of his disciples   
 thereby opening a door for the view that to chnreb, when he could not sustain his   
 the love of God may indeed be in him in utterance for more words, used to say no   
 some sense, but not as a firm abiding prin- more at each meeting than this: \* Little   
 ciple; that at all events at the moment children, love one another. At last his   
 when he thns shuts np his bowels of com- disciples and the brethren who were pre-   
 passion, it is not adéding in him. But sent, being wearied nt hearing always the   
 this wonld seem to violate the ideal striet- same words, suid, ‘ Master, why dost thon   
 ness of the Apostle’s teaching, and the always go on saying this?’ ‘The answer:   
 trne sense rather to be, “How can we was worthy of St. ‘Because it is   
 think of such an one as at all possessing the Lord’s command ; and if this ouly be   
 the love of God in any proper sense?” done, it is enongh?”).   
 giving thus much emphasis to the word 19—24.] See the summary at ver. 11.   
 abide, Here again, as above in the The blessed effects of trae brotherly   
 case of the duty of laying down life for Tove as a test of the Christian state.   
 brother, many questions of casnistry have 19, 20.] [And] in this (see above,   
 heen raised as to the nature and extent vy. 10, 16. It here refers to what had   
 the duty of almsgiving, on which it is im- gone before: viz. to the fulfilment of   
 possible to enter here. The safest answers the exhortation in ver. 18, as the future   
 to them all will be found in the Christian shews: “which thing if we do, ... 2”)   
 conscience enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we shall know (on the fucure, sce above.   
 guiding the Christian heart warmed by the It is the result consequent on the ful   
 Fving presence of Christ) ? ment of the condition implied in herein)   
 18.) Exhortation to true brotherly that we are of the truth (“ire,” says