

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 2:7-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“A New Commandment He Gives”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

TOPICAL REFERENCE:

Loving the Brethren, Christian Love Displayed

Imitations and Impersonations

we all enjoy listening and watching those people who can mimic or impersonate some celebrity or famous person...

In Fact,

The Better they are at it, the more we enjoy it!

I Remember The “Movieland Wax Museum”

The wax copies of those celebrities that were in there looked pretty real. but I also remember how cool they kept the temperature in that museum

Because if Things would begin to Heat Up,
What Looked Real Was Actually Not Real At All

The Imitations, The Impersonations, The Display was all a Hoax

The Word "Love" and its Meaning

has been impersonated and imitated to the point that the definition of "Love" has become clouded

Last Time;

1 John 2:3-6

3 Now by this we **know** that we **know** Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I **know** Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we **know** that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1.) Is Characterized by: **A Living Knowledge** v. 3

Now by this we know that we **know** Him,
if we keep His commandments.

2.) Is Characterized by: **A Self Examination** v. 4

He who says, "I **know** Him," and does not keep His commandments,
is a liar, and the truth is not in him

3.) Is Characterized by: **A Spirit of Love** v. 5

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we **know**
that we are in Him

4.) Is Characterized by: **An Outward Example** v. 6

He who says he abides in Him
ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

The Thrust of John's Point Is This;

If you Say You know Jesus Christ – Your Life Should Simply Display it

Verse 6

He who says he abides in Him
ought himself also to walk just as He walked.



walked

grk 4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o);

to be walking about. to be covering ground with a purpose

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.**

Because;

The Imitation, The Impersonation,
The Display – *is The Christ Character Thru Us!*

The Summation Sentence of the Text

Life, Love and Light

are words that John uses that are synonymous with God and His nature. Those who know God can be known for their **Life, Love and Light** in this World

1 John 2:7-11

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. 8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

A New Commandment He Gives

1.) Because of a New Emphasis

v. 7

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.

a.) New – Because It Has Always Been

v.7

Brethren, I write no new (something not heard of) commandment to you,

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

At Conversion, God Makes a Deposit!

The Deposit is Love

1 Thessalonians 4:9

But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

And More Love

Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

John 13:34-35

"A new (freshness) commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

b.) New - Because It Was With Us From Our Start

v.7

but an old commandment
which you have **had from the beginning.**

The Old Commandment

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

c.) The Commandment is the Word

v.7

The old commandment is **the word** which you heard from the beginning.

A New Commandment He Gives

2.) Because of a New Example

vv. 8

Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining

The Greeks had two words for new.



new grk 2537 kainos (kahee-nos');
in freshness;

#1

new as in time. like a new 1999 chariot

#2

new as in fresh or reintroduced. like a remodeled house

The Rich Young Ruler

Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 "This is the first and great commandment.

This is an Old Commandment

Leviticus 19:18

...you shall love your neighbor as yourself:

b.) Jesus is the Father's Example of Love

v.8

which thing is true **in Him**
and in you, because the darkness is passing away,
and the true light is already shining

The Nature and Person of Jesus

we must always consider Jesus
to know the father

Jesus Illustrated Love *by the Life He Lived*

- The Most Vile of Sinners Found Peace and Rest at Jesus' Feet
 - The Most Gruesome of Men Found Forgiveness of Sin
- The Most Moral and Self Righteous were Ashamed in His Presence

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

A New Commandment He Gives

3.) Because it's a New Experience

vv. 9-11

He who says he is in the **light**, and **hates** his brother, is in **darkness** until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the **light**, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

a.) What The Experience Isn't - Hate a Brother?

v. 9

He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother,
is in darkness until now.

He's Living in the Dark

1.)

It's to **Lie** Against the Truth

...He who says he is in the light

we are attempting to redefine the meaning of Light (fellowship with God)

2.)

It's to **Murder** what God wants alive

...and **hates** his brother

we are attempting to destroy the character and reputation of another



Hates

grk 3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o);
to detest, to love less:

3.)

It's to Blind and be **Blind**

...is in **darkness** until now

we are attempting walk and be walking with being able to see



darkness

grk 4655 skotos (skot'-os);
to be in the shadows. to exist in obscurity. to be hidden or
faded in to the darkness

Romans 2:19

to the Jewish religionist Paul writes;
and you are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind,
a light to those who are in darkness,

Matthew 15:14

"Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

Matthew 6:22-23

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

to Hate is to;
Lie, Murder, Blind

Everything that Jesus Came to Undo

b.) What is it, to Love a Brother?

v. 10

He who loves his brother abides in the **light**,
and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

This John was not always this John

1.)

It's to **Do** the Truth of God

He who loves his brother

we will seek to Uphold the meaning of Light (fellowship with God)



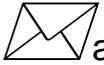
grk 25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o);
to love (in a social or moral sense):

2.)

It's to **Promote** the Life of God

abides in the **light**,

we will seek to Build up the character and reputation of another



abides

grk 3306 meno (men'-o);
to continue, to dwell, to house

3.)

It's to **Display** the Love of God
and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

we seek to be Witnesses to all we meet so that the Love of God would be seen

No Cause of Stumbling

Romans 14:19-21

Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. 21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:17-18

'I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 'to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

Ephesians 5:8-9

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

If You're In Spiritual Darkness
look for these fatal signs of death

do you have a **self justifying** attitude

(it's hard for you to see your weakness)

do you have a **critical spirit** toward others

(watching to pick others apart, so you'll feel better about yourself)

do have a **careless view** toward the suffering

(as long as your comfortable, you're o.k. – selfish)

do you have an **unforgiving** heart

(you just cant "let that person off" in your heart)

Matthew 6:14-15

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15

"But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

FOR YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL SAFETY

forgive that person in your life

Matthew 5:23-24

"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Just the Beginning...