
1 John

Purpose: People have left their community

Writing Style: Points to connected themes (love, sin, confess, abide, walk in light or darkness, etc.)

1 John 2:7-11

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness.

1 John 2:7-11

¹⁰ Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

Old or New Command??

Old...

*Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall **love your neighbor as yourself**: I am the LORD.*

Old or New Command??

New...

*John 13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you **love one another**. Just as I have loved you, you also should **love one another**.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love for one another**.”*

1 John 2:11

¹¹ But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

1 John 2:12-14

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one.

I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; ¹⁶ for all that is in the world—**the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches**—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

Do not love the world

- Desire of the flesh
 - Desire of the eyes
 - Pride in riches
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1 John 2:28-29

*²⁸ And now, little children, **abide in him**, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming.*

Closing Prayer

May we know our Father's love with every fiber of our being,

And may we simply share that same love with one another

Go in peace.
