

What Do You Love? ~ 1 John, Chapter 2

Review - Two Primary Themes in 1 John

1. Right thinking about Jesus
2. Right thinking about living in faith (community)

Verses 1-2 Don't Sin!

- Yes we are saints and sinners – but don't sin! 1 John 1:8-9
- If you do - be comforted. You have an _____ – you and the whole world

Verse 3-4 How Do I Know If I Really Know God?

1. The _____ of God's declaration. Mark 16:16 (also John 3:16)
2. Do we keep his _____? Evidence Luke 10:26-28

What John is NOT SAYING:

- That certain conditions have to be fulfilled before a person can know God
- That we become fully sanctified, no longer sin, and perfectly keep the commandments

What John IS SAYING:

- Obeying God's commands is a characteristic of knowing God
- Knowing God includes living to keep his commandments. Ephesians 2:8-10
- Am I even trying? 1 John 2:4

Verse 5 Not Just Obeying the Commandments – ALL of His Word

A sign that God's love is doing its full work in us.

Verse 6 John Says it Another Way

Those who KNOW God “_____ in _____” and “_____” the way Jesus did John 15:4-10

Verses 7 – 11 A Commandment That Isn't Really New

- “Love One Another” John 13:34-35
- Another measurement of knowing God – Do we love those who are _____?
- It's as clear as light and darkness

Verses 12-14 His Followers are Fully Capable of Hearing and Implementing this Teaching

May be literal – May be metaphorical

Verses 15-17 Addressed to Faithful Followers Who

- Know _____ - keep His _____ - _____ one another
- Understand that the path they take has eternal consequences
- WHAT DO YOU LOVE?

Verses 18-27 Watch Out! False Teachers are Everywhere

Don't under estimate the power of the Holy Spirit in you to know the difference

Verse 28-29 Remain faithful. Abide in Him. His Righteousness is Yours