



What's Love Got To Do With It

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1 John 2:7-11

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REVIEW — Let's remember what we learned in our study of 1 John 2...

Our **Purpose** in Life (vs. 1-2) — To not sin, but if we do, we have an Advocate and Propitiation in Jesus Christ.

*"I'm writing these things to you so that you **may not sin**. And **if anyone sins**, we have ..."*

Our **Pattern** in Life (vs. 3-6) — The patterns of loving obedience to Christ's commands are one of the ways the Holy Spirit deepens our assurance of our salvation.

*"By this we know that we have come to know Him, **if we keep** His commandments."*

Test # 1 — Do you confess Christ and your sin, and do you have a spirit of loving obedience to Christ?

INTRODUCTION — Love is All We Need

The Culture and Love

The Context (1 John 2) and Love

*"**Beloved, I'm writing** ... the one who **says** he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause of stumbling in him."*

I. THE COMMANDMENT vs. 7-8

An Old Message v. 7

*“Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an **old** commandment which you **have had from the beginning**; ...”*

- This refers to the **TEACHINGS** of the Bible. (Cf. Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 13:8-10)

*“... the old commandment is the word which **you have heard**.”*

- This also refers to the beginning of their (our) **CHRISTIAN** life.

A New Meaning v. 8

*“On the other hand, I am writing a **new** commandment to you, which is true **in Him** and **in you**, ...”*

See John 13

- The Example — v. 1
- The Exhortation — v. 34
- The Evidence — v. 35

*“... **because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining**.” (Cf. Matthew 4:16; John 8:12, 9:5)*

II. THE CONTRAST vs. 9-11

The **LOST** Person

*“The one who says he is in the light and yet **hates his brother is in the darkness** until now ... the one who **hates his brother is in the darkness** and **walks in the darkness**, and **does not know where he is going** because **the darkness has blinded his eyes**.” (Cf. 1 John 3:11-12,16-19)*

The **SAVED** Person

*“The one who **loves his brother abides in the Light** and **there is no cause for stumbling in him**.”*