

Leader:

1 John 2:6,7 (ESV)

⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. ⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

Cong.:

1John 2:8-10 (ESV)

⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

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1John 2:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹ But whoever 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. ¹² I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

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1John 2:13-14 (ESV)

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴ I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Cong.

John 16:33 (ESV)

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.



The Tests of Life: Love
1 John 2:7-14

Theme: Walking in the Light is shown by walking in Love.



Walk in the Light as He walked 2:7,8

- The purpose of John's Epistle is that those who believe *know* they have eternal life (5:13).
- 'I am writing an *old* command.' It is a basic Old Testament principle in Deut. 6:4,5; Lev 19:17,18.
- 'I am writing a *new* command.' It is 'new' in kind (not time). Why? Darkness is passing & Light is shining.

Walk in the Light as He walked 2:7,8

- It is **new** because...
- Gentiles are included now
- Christ is our Redeemer & Model of love
- We can experience God's presence ourselves

Walking in Light tested by Love 2:9-11

- ‘The one who says he walks in light but **hates** brother is...’
 - In darkness
 - Doesn’t know where he’s going.
 - Darkness has blinded his eyes.



Walking in Light tested by Love 2:9-11

- ‘The one who **loves** his brother...’
 - Abides in the light & there is no cause for stumbling in him.



How love looks as we grow 2:12-14



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- 'I am writing to you **children**...
–because your sins are **forgiven** & you **know** the Father.'
- 'I am writing to you **fathers** because ...
–you know Him who is from the **beginning**.'



How love looks as we grow 2:12-14

- 'I am writing to you **young men...**
 - you are strong,
 - the Word abides in you
 - & you have overcome the evil one.'
- Forgiveness ➡ Fellowship ➡ Overcoming

