

## A Journey Through 1 John (Part 5)

1 John 2:7-11

### Introduction:

- The dominant theme of love in our culture.
- There are many people who are searching for love but end up f\_\_\_\_\_ short of finding it because most people are looking for love in all the w\_\_\_\_\_ places.
- It is clear from S\_\_\_\_\_ that God wants His people to love one another.
- What are the conditions for true fellowship?
  - 1.) K\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.
  - 2.) W\_\_\_\_\_ in the Light.
  - 3.) C\_\_\_\_\_ sin.
- John transitions from addressing the c\_\_\_\_\_ of true fellowship to describing the c\_\_\_\_\_ of true fellowship.
- What does the character of true fellowship involve?
- It involves at least two things:
  - 1.) D\_\_\_\_\_ sin.
  - 2.) K\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's commandments.

### I. The E\_\_\_\_\_ of Love (v7-8)

- John never d\_\_\_\_\_ tells us what commandment he has in mind.
- Two reasons to support that John is likely referring to the commandment to love one another.
  - Reason 1: John goes on to c\_\_\_\_\_ love and hatred in verses 9-11.
  - Reason 2: In 2 John, John r\_\_\_\_\_ to love similar to how he does here in v7.
- Love as an old commandment – Leviticus 19
- Love as a new commandment
  - A.) In one sense, John is saying it is an \_\_\_\_\_ commandment.
  - B.) In another sense, John is saying it is a \_\_\_\_\_ commandment.
    - Two meanings of the word “new” (Gr. *Kainos*)
      - New in the sense of t\_\_\_\_\_.
      - New in the sense of q\_\_\_\_\_.
- John connects the commandment of love to two parties:
  - 1.) He connects it to \_\_\_\_\_ (“which thing is true in Him”)
  - 2.) He connects it to \_\_\_\_\_ in general (“which thing is true in you”)
- If people are going to see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in person then they will have to see it in \_\_\_\_\_!

## II. The Evidence and Non-Evidence of Love (v9-11)

- One non-evidence of love is h\_\_\_\_\_ toward another believer.
  - It is possible to be a Christian and \_\_\_\_\_ another Christian.
  - How can a Christian grow to hate his brother or sister in Christ?
    - A.) By allowing \_\_\_\_\_ to take root in one's heart.
    - B.) By keeping a \_\_\_\_\_ of wrongs.
    - C.) By withholding \_\_\_\_\_.
- Heb 12:15

## Conclusion

- Is your life characterized by love or hatred?