

# The Old, New Commandment

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:7-8

(series #8)

**Introduction:** the issue of assurance of salvation

- The basis of assurance: Jn 1:12, 1<sup>st</sup> Jn 5:12

- The tests of assurance

1. The moral test of obedience or righteousness
2. The social test of love
3. The doctrinal test of truth or belief

## I. The Address of Endearment - “Beloved”

## II. The Old Commandment of Love v. 7

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup> John 5-6
- B. Leviticus 19:18

## III. The New Commandment of Love v. 8

- A. A new emphasis and new motivation
- B. John 13:34-35
- C. “Because the darkness is passing away...”  
- 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:17, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:13

## IV. The Practice of Love - 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-5

- A. Love is patient
- B. Love is kind
- C. Love does not envy
- D. Love does not brag
- E. Love is not arrogant
- F. Love does not behave rudely
- G. Love does not seek its own
- H. Love is not provoked
- I. Love does not keep record of wrongs

**Conclusion:** How is your love life? - 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:14-15