

# **The Old and New Commandment**

## **1 John 2:7-11**

# Introduction

- Don't forget the context
- Signs of enjoyment of fellowship with God
- Light in a dark place (Jn. 13:34-35)

- **Loving one another is a command we can obey and walk as Jesus walked (2:7-8).**
  - **Loving one another is an old commandment because it is a summation of the law of the Old Testament (Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:5).**

- Loving one another is a new commandment because there is a new power, a new standard, a new goal, and a new motivation.

- **The failure to love one another reveals serious spiritual deficiencies (2:9).**
  - **Walking in the light is incompatible with withholding love from one's brother or sister in Christ.**

- A Christian who hates his fellow Christian has not genuinely escaped from the darkness of this present age.
- A Christian who hates his fellow Christian has much to learn.

- **Loving one another prevents the believer from creating the complications and harm of sin (2:10-11).**
  - **When we love one another we give evidence that we have a desire to please God.**

- **When we love one another we avoid doing spiritual damage to others and ourselves.**
- **The lack of love results in a loss of discernment and direction in the Christian life.**



- **How should we then live?**
  - **The Christian who loves delights in God and will be a joy to be around.**

- The Christian who loves knows where he or she is going in life.
- The Christian who loves does not retaliate when wronged, will be considerate, kind, and courteous, and slay the dragon of personal jealousies.