



MESSAGE NOTES

Evidence of Knowing God — Love

1 John 2:3-17
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1. Obedience to God's Commands

1 John 2:3-6 “3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 **But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them.** This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.”

The evidence of knowing God is if a person obeys God's word, the love for God is made complete in them.

2. The Command: Love One Another

1 John 2:7-11 “7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. 8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. 9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. 10 **Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light,** and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. 11 **But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness.** They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.”

We were created to be people who love God and love each other just as God loves us. When we love one another we are obeying His commands.

Loving others is a hallmark of walking in the light, while hatred shows we are living in darkness.

3. Warning Against Worldliness

1 John 2:15-17 (*Skipping 12-14 in notes*) “15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

We are to use things and love people, not love things and use people.

The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life do not come from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires are temporary, but those who do the will of God live forever.

Summery : Remember that the main point is not to try to see how far away you can get from God and still be saved, but about loving God so much that you want to be close by His side.