

**FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**John: The Light of Love
I John 2:7-14
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I. For the believer, love is old and new.

A. Old

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.*

cf. Exodus 20:12-17; Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:5; Psalm 133

B. New

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.*

cf. John 13:34, 35; I John 2:17

II. For the believer, love is essential.

A. A hypocritical hater is lost.

⁹ *Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.*

cf. John 15:18; Titus 3:3; I John 3:14b; 4:20

B. A lover of the brethren is saved.

¹⁰ *Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.*

cf. I John 3:14a; 4:7

C. A hypocritical hater is blind.

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.*

cf. II Corinthians 4:3, 4

III. For the believer, love is inevitable.

A. Your sins are forgiven.

¹² *I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.*

cf. Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 7:36-50

B. You know God personally.

¹³ *I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning..*

cf. I John 4:7, 8

C. You have overcome the evil one.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

cf. Colossians 2:14, 15; Hebrews 2:14

D. You have the Word of God.

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.*

cf. Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 4:12; John 15:7