

FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
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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