

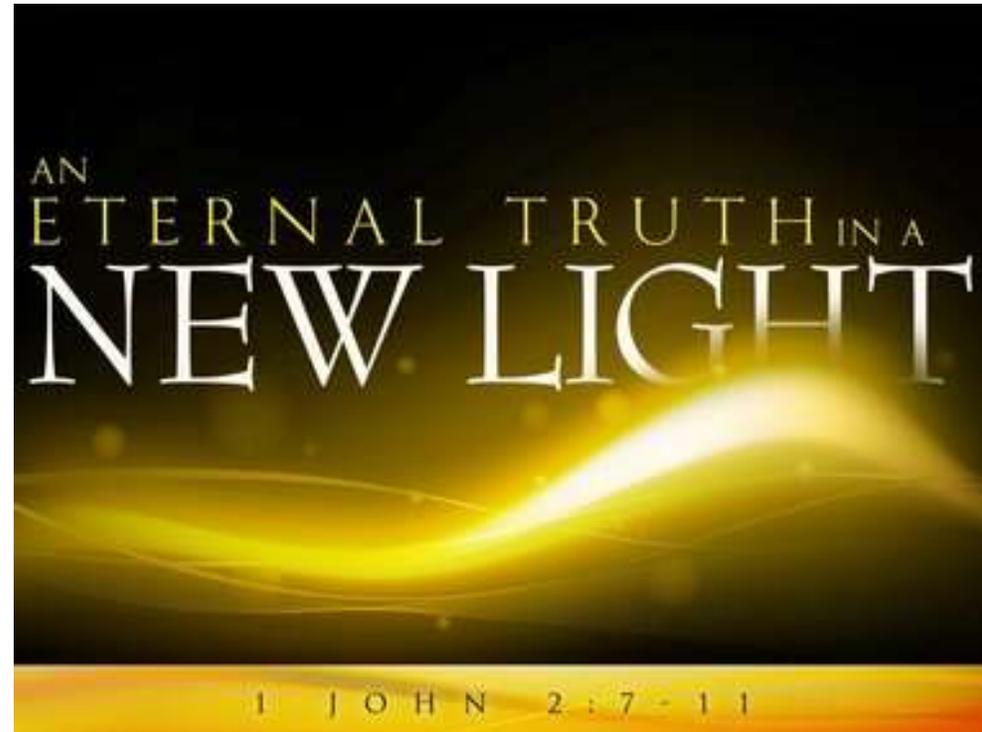
DIGGING DEEPER



1. What did you learn from our study of 1 John 2:7-11 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. How can you tell if your relationship with God is real or fake? Does a genuine Christian ever sin and, if so, can they lose their salvation? Explain. Is a profession of faith enough, that is, if we say...? What do you see here about the relationship between the words that we say and our actions?
3. What does it mean to be “in Him”? What does it mean to abide in Him? Are there any other Scriptures you know about abiding in Christ?
4. What does it mean to walk as He walked? Why is the word “walk” used here? What does it convey?

For Long-Handled Shovels

- What is the difference between liking someone and loving them? Is it possible to love without liking? Explain.
- How is Christ’s “new commandment” an “old commandment” heard from the beginning? Why is this significant?
- Why is it absolutely essential for believers to remove any and all bitterness? Is there someone with whom you are bitter, holding a grudge, and need to forgive? What are you going to do about it?



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1 John 2:7-11

⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Three Reasons Why Christians Should Love One Another:

1. God has commanded us to love (2:7-11)
2. We are born of God and His love lives in us (3:10-24)
3. God first revealed His love to us (4:7-21)

I. A NEW COMMANDMENT (7-8a)

A. That is “an old commandment”

B. That is “the Word”

- Romans 8:5:5
- 1 Thessalonians 4:9

C. That is “true in Him and in you”

II. A NEW LIGHT (8b-11)

A. The Truth:

- (1) “Darkness is passing”
- (2) “True light is already shining”

B. Those in Darkness: (9)

- (1) “Says he is in the light”
- (2) “But hates his brother”
- (3) “Is in darkness until now”

C. Those is the Light (10)

- (1) “Abides in the Light”
- (2) “Loves his brother”
- (3) “Is no cause for stumbling in him”

Consequences of Hate

1. Evidences a life without God (2:9-11; 4:19-21)
2. Blinds & remains in darkness (2:9-11)
3. Lives without direction & purpose (2:9-11)
4. Marks one as a child of Satan (3:10)
5. Bars one from eternal life (3:15)
6. Proves one does not love God (4:19-21)