



Sunday, May 29, 2022
Sermon Series: Walk in God's Light –
Live in God's Love

Title: The Good Old, New Law of Love
Text: 1 John 2:7-11

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Big Idea: The Old Testament command “love one another” is made new in its application through Jesus Christ and our loving commitment to His Lordship.

How is the old, familiar command to love each other made new?

1) Jesus gives this love-commandment a new highlight. (1 John 2:7 / Romans 13:8-10)

2) Jesus gives this love-commandment new possibilities.
(1 John 2:8 / 1 Corinthians 2:14 / 2 Corinthians 5:17)

3) Jesus gives this old commandment a new application.
(1 John 2:9-11 / John 13:34-35 / Matthew 5:43-46 / Romans 5:8)

The clearest, outward evidence of being a Christ-follower is when others see Jesus-like love for others in you.

Two applications for this new/old command:

- 1) Look for ways to give personal surrender.
- 2) Look for ways to give personal sacrifice.

Godly love is recognizing that someone is imperfect but you still make sacrifices for them anyway.

Study/Discussion Questions for 1 John 2:7-11:

- What are some of the most obvious ways that our modern news or culture have mischaracterized Christians and the truth about Jesus Christ?
- Of all the commandments, why do you think Jesus and John chose to give the “love one another” an upgrade in priority?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Since only God’s power can transform our souls, how does a Christian love others differently than an unbeliever?
- Loving others is not optional for believers, but is presumed. How can believers who feel unloving toward other believers correct this deficiency? Is this a “one and done” correction or more of a daily matter of discipleship?
- What specific mercies of God shown to you personally could help motivate you to show more godly love to others?