

1 JOHN – TRUE LIFE

True Fellowship

Scripture Reference: 1 John 2:3-11

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

⁴Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. ⁷Beloved, 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. ⁸At 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. ⁹Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But 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.

1. True fellowship with Jesus is proven through our OBEDIENCE. vs.3-6

- We have an EXPERIENCE to motivate us. v.5
- We have an EXAMPLE to teach us. v.6

2. True fellowship with Jesus is proven through our RELATIONSHIPS. vs. 7-11

- Love is INSEPARABLE from the light! v.10
- Hate is BOUND up with darkness! v.11