

A New Old Command

1 John 2:7-11

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.

8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

10 Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him. 1 John 2:7-11 (NIV)

Revelation 2:1-6

Knowing God leads to loving God, which leads to serving God.

Knowing, loving and serving God leads to knowing, loving and serving others.

Loving God and loving others is God's great desire for us. It's also His great command.

Matthew 22:37-40

1 John 1:7

Loving each other isn't just good idea, or a suggestion, it's both a command and an indicator of your relationship with God.

"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:18 (NIV)

1 John 3:11

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:12-14 (NIV)

Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. 1 John 2:6 (NIV)

...God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:5 (NIV)

Thessalonians 4:9

2 Timothy 1:7

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. (1 John 2:9 NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

Romans 5:7-8

How can we have assurance of our salvation? By our love!