

## 1 John - part 2

Themes: Love, Obedience, Truth

Review: Gnosticism – Knowledge over Actions

Matthew 7: 13-27

13-14: enter by the narrow gate (few)

15-20: beware false prophets (wolves)  
known by fruit (actions)

21-23: not all who profess Christ as Lord enter heaven  
“never knew you” (lawlessness)

24-27: hear and do word (rock)

What does it mean to “know Him”?

### **1 John 2:3-11**

#### **Verse 3-5:**

Knowing Him = Obeying Him

If knowing Him doesn't lead to obedience we lie to ourselves, truth isn't in us.

Obedience is the reasonable response to His love. (Jn 14-17)

Desire to obey is evidence we are in Him.

#### **Verse 6:**

Drawing near to Jesus ought to lead to Imitation of Him.

#### **Verse 7-8:**

Old Command = Love neighbor as Self

New Command = Love on another like Jesus loves (Jn 13:34-35)

Love because Light is overcoming Darkness (Rom 12:21)

consider John's political context, yet Christianized half of Rome

#### **Verse 9-11:**

Love is Primary area of Obedience (imitation of Jesus)

Our ability to Love indicator whether in darkness or light  
(comes from abiding – vs 6)

Love removes Stumbling Blocks (other people's issues)

Hate Blinds

### **1 John 2:12-14**

children: sin's forgiven, Father's love

fathers: know creator God (Intimacy)

young men: strong, word abides in you, overcome wicked one

Rachel's dream: marriage of wisdom and zeal

Generations: Mal 4:5-6, Acts 2:16-18

Satan works to divide the generations

Spiritual Age/Maturity:

to become mature (know intimately) must pass through overcoming (obedience)

## **1 John 2:15-17**

We can't Love the World and the Father. (in competition)

young men – where is your strength

fathers – where is your intimacy

Temporal vs Eternal Focus

eternal focus leads to choosing obedience

(1Jn 2:3-17)

<sup>3</sup>Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup>He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. <sup>10</sup>He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup>I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one.

I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. <sup>14</sup>I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.