

Reality Check

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

1 John 2:3-4

When you walk in the light:

1. You will _____ revealed sin and claim forgiveness and cleansing.

2. You will _____ God's revealed commands.

We obey because: (1) we _____ to, (2) we _____ to, and (3) we _____ to.

For the Christian, the command to love is both _____ and _____.

1. Love is new in _____ (v7)

2. Love is new in _____ (v8)

3. Love is new in _____ (v9-11)

Love treats other Christians the way _____ treats them, and the way _____ treats us.

Love _____ the other person what they need the most, when they deserve it the least, at great personal cost.

Scripture References: Lk 7:16, 22, 1 Jn 1:9, Deut 6:5, Lev 19:18, Mk 12:30-31, Jn 13:34, Rom 5:5, 13:8-10, 1 Cor 13:4-8, 13

Bringing the Message to Life

Discuss and meditate on the following questions.

1. Regarding this sermon, is there any principle that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. If your obedience to Christ is an indicator of your love, what does that say about your love?
3. Why is love the greatest of all commands?
4. Since love treats other Christians how God treats us, how then should we specifically treat others?
5. Pray for the people by name, that God has placed in your life who need your love the most.