



Confident in Christ? (1 John 2:3-11)

How can you know that you know Jesus?
Today we discover how our confidence in Christ
should be evidenced in our actions.

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1 John 2:3-4 This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commands. The one who says, "I have come to know him," and yet doesn't keep his commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

❓ What is the evidence **how we know that we know Him?**

✓ To **KNOW JESUS** is to **OBEY JESUS**.

- More than just the outside ACT of obedience, this involves the underlying ATTITUDE of obedience.

✓ To **OBEY JESUS** is to **TRUST Jesus**.

✗ To **DISOBEY JESUS** is to NOT TRUST JESUS and

✗ To **NOT TRUST JESUS** is to NOT KNOW JESUS.

BIG TRUTH: Obeying Jesus is The Fruit of Knowing Jesus.

John isn't making this theology up, but repeating what he heard Jesus Himself say.

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered, "**if anyone loves me, he will keep my word.** My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. The one who doesn't love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

As you examine your life, does it demonstrate that you KNOW and LOVE Jesus?

❓ **Do you view obedience to Jesus as a PROBLEM or a PRIVILEGE?** Is it something that you *HAVE TO* do or *WANT TO* do? Do you obey out of LOVE and LOYALTY or DUTY?

✳️ When Jesus goes to a Pharisee's house, a prostitute sneaks in and starts washing Jesus' feet. When the Pharisee wonders why Jesus let this woman touch him Jesus tells a story about 2 men who owed a debt - one owed much more than the other. When Jesus asked which debtor would have greater love for the gracious man who forgave them the debt, he answered "*I suppose the one he forgave more.*" (Luke 7:43)

Luke 7:44-47 Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she, with her tears, has washed my feet and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing my feet since I came in. You didn't anoint my head with olive oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. Therefore I tell you, **her many sins have been forgiven; that's why she loved much.** But the one who is forgiven little, loves little."

❓ **Which one do you think walked out of that home forever changed?** The one who is forgiven much, loves much!

🕒 Being forgiven much leads us to *LOVE, TRUST, & OBEY* Jesus.

1 John 2:5-6 But whoever keeps his word, truly in him the love of God is made complete. This is how we know we are in him: **The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked.**

Walk is a term referring to Jesus' way of life - *a lifestyle of pleasing God* the Father. And THAT'S the example we are to follow - *a lifestyle of pleasing God*.

1 John 2:7-8 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old command that you have had from the beginning. The old command is the word you have heard. Yet **I am writing you a new command, which is true in him and in you**, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

The **old command** - to love your neighbor as yourself - is written in the Old Testament.

Leviticus 19:18 Do not take revenge or bear a grudge against members of your community, but **love your neighbor as yourself**; I am the LORD.

The **new command** John is about to mention, is the same "new command" that Jesus gave John and the other apostles. This "new command" builds on the "old command" - loving your neighbor as yourself, but goes further. That night, after washing their feet, Jesus said these words:

John 13:34-35 I give you a **new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you**, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

That "new command" was perfectly pictured in Jesus, who enables us, by the power of the Spirit, to do the same. And since **Obeying Jesus is The Fruit of Knowing Jesus** then those who don't love their Christian brothers/sisters need to check whether they really KNOW JESUS.

1 John 2:9-11 The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother or sister is in the darkness until now. **The one who loves his brother or sister remains in the light**, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Are you CONFIDENT IN CHRIST? Do you KNOW that you KNOW Him?

Obeying Jesus is The Fruit of Knowing Jesus.

That fruit is seen as we obey Jesus' commands & love His people. Examine your life:

① **Is there any ongoing sin in your life that you need to repent of?** Bring it to Jesus & lay it at the foot of the cross.

② **Are you consistently loving your brothers/sisters in Christ? If not, have you done all YOU can do to be reconciled to your brother or sister in Christ?** Make the phone call. Schedule the meeting. Approach prayerfully & humbly with a desire to forgive and serve...like YOUR KING has!

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🕒 **Love Jesus by choosing to trust Him.** View simple decisions & difficult temptations as opportunities to LOVE Jesus by your obedience!

🕒 **Love brothers/sisters by serving them.** It's difficult to hate/dislike someone when you are choosing to love them with your actions.

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