

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

(1 JOHN 2:3–11)

What is True & What Christians Should Do:

No one in the universe except Jesus can serve as the atoning sacrifice for your sins, so examine yourself to know that you know Him.

Jesus Christ is the believer's Advocate with the Father (v. 2):

Only Jesus lived a perfect life free from sin. Only He uniquely satisfies the wrath and justice of God for the entire world.

1.) We know so because we obey His Word / Commands (v.3–6)

- “Can I know that I am saved?” YES! “The religion of I don't know is religion that comes from Satan.”
- If you have ZERO interest in doing what God says, you may not be a Christian. Your conduct can be an indicator of your heart.
- Anything Jesus teaches is His Word / commandment.
- A habitual outward lifestyle flows from inner attitude.
- Obedience reveals spiritual maturity and a sincere love for God.
- Do not say you know Him, and yet do not keep His commands; this makes you a liar and you do not practice the truth.

APPLICATION (3–6):

- ✓ Your pattern for living should be Jesus Christ, so imitate Him in all that you say, think, and do!
- ✓ Examine yourself: does your talk match your walk?
- ✓ Are you concerned with obedience to His Word and Commands?
- ✓ Who comes first place in your life? Yourself? Or Jesus?
- ✓ Are you more concerned with your glory or Christ's glory?
- ✓ Life dominating sins rarely end instantly, but are you troubled enough about your relationship with Jesus that you earnestly keep striving to turn away and repent from your wickedness?

2.) We know so because we love other Christians (7–11)

- “Brother or sister” means Christian believers, who have the Holy Spirit of God living within them (v. 9-11, 1 John 3:24).
- Love is an old commandment because it is given in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18).
- Love is a new commandment because it is given in the New Testament by Jesus to the disciples (Jn. 13:34–35, Mt. 22:37, Mk. 12:30, Lk. 10:27, Mt. 5:43–48, 1 Cor. 8:1, Jn. 15:12, Ro. 12:10; 13:8, Gal. 5:13, Eph. 4:12, 1 Thess. 3:12, 4:9, 1 Pet. 4:8, 1 Jn. 3:11, 23, 4:7, 11, 12).
- Loving Christians is considered walking in the light
- The One who hates his brother or sister is (v.11):
 - “in the darkness”
 - “walk[ing] in the darkness”
 - “without direction in life”

APPLICATION (v. 7–11):

- ✓ Do you love God's people? Do you want to be around them? Do you love them enough to bear their burdens? Do you love them enough to forgive them? Do you serve them? Those with genuine saving faith love God and love others.
- ✓ You may sinfully hate a brother or sister temporarily, but true believers should not keep holding on to that hatred. Those who continue to hold on to hatred of believers demonstrate they've never truly come to know Jesus Christ in saving faith.
- ✓ Do not walk in darkness

Key Points:

- Even the demons “know” Jesus but they do not know Him by obeying His Word or by love of Christians (see Deuteronomy 6:4–5, James 2:19–20). Their “knowledge” does not lead to obedience, love, submission. No! They rebel, disobey, and hate.
- God loves you. No greater love is expressed than that of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. “For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”