

1 JOHN

A glowing lightbulb is positioned inside the letter 'O' of the word 'JOHN'. The lightbulb is illuminated, with a bright yellow glow emanating from its filament, and its base is visible. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

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**ABIDING & ABOUNDING
IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

1 John 2

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. **3** And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

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4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, **5** but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: **6** whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. **7** Beloved, I am writing you no new

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commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. **8** At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

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9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. **10** Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. **11** But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1 John 2:2–2:11 Outline

1. Why an examined life?
2. What is an examined life?
3. How do you examine your life?
4. When are you successful in living this life?

1 John 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1. Why an examined life?

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, **that Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

1. Why an examined life?

1 John 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

2. What is an examined life?

1 John 2:5-6 **By this we may know that we are in him:** whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

2. What is an examined life?

1 John 2:21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

2. What is an examined life?

Whoever says:

- “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar... **1 John 2:4**
- he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. **1 John 2:6**
- he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. **1 John 2:9**

2. What is an examined life?

Three tests of **fruit** to give confidence in the **root**:

1. Moral Exam - 1 John 2:3-6
2. Relational Exam - 1 John 2:7-11
3. Theological Exam - 1 John 2:18-27
(for later)

3. How do you examine your life?

1 John 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we **keep** his commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not **keep** his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever **keeps** his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him...

3. How do you examine your life? – **Moral Exam**

1 John 2:7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.
8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

3. How do you examine your life? – **Relational Exam**

1 John 2:9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. **11** But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

3. How do you examine your life? – **Relational Exam**

Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the LORD
your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your might.

3. How do you examine your life? – **Relational Exam**

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD... **34** You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

3. How do you examine your life? – **Relational Exam**

Matthew 22:36-40 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

3. How do you examine your life? – **Relational Exam**

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: **just as I have loved you**, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

3. How do you examine your life? – **Relational Exam**

4. When are you successful in living this life?