

## Abide: Practical Lessons for the Christian Life from 1 John

### Abide in Love

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John desires for his believers to obey the command of Jesus in John 15, that we should abide in Him. To obey this command, we need to clearly define it.

- To abide in Christ is to constantly and intentionally line ourselves up with Christ's desires for out \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

The paradox of the commandment to love being both new and old:

- This commandment is old because the people of God have been commanded to love their neighbor, ever since \_\_\_\_\_.
- This commandment is new because in the New Testament, Jesus is the new \_\_\_\_\_, the Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ in which to practice this command, and we now, by the power of the Holy Spirit, can \_\_\_\_\_ this command correctly.

Results of love or absence of love:

- Our love is the \_\_\_\_\_ that proves that we are \_\_\_\_\_.
- The absence of love in the Church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

When we seek to love our brothers and sisters we should consider:

- Loving our brother and sisters starts as a matter of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Comparison Chart:

- John points out that our love cannot be merely a love of speech, but must also have \_\_\_\_\_.
- The command to love one another starts with us seeking the Lord and asking Him to change our \_\_\_\_\_.
- The command to love is one to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to work to \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.
- We can obey this command, because \_\_\_\_\_ we are more loved than we can understand, and as people who have been given love, we can also love those around us.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, we must \_\_\_\_\_ in love.