

LAST DAYS LIVING: ABIDING IN HIM

1 Jn 2.24-29

Do you know what you have this morning? The mind of Christ! How much???

1 Corinthians 2:13-16 NKJV

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches
but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God,
for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.
For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" ***But we have the mind of Christ.***

So John gives us instructions on WHAT to believe and HOW to walk in this last hour. Last Days Living!

Old Commandment of LOVE (2.7) which we heard from the beginning (2.24) The message we heard from the beginning is love (3.11)
Must Keep His Commandments In (5.2-3), we display our love for God by keeping his commandments.
Believe in Jesus In (3.23): this is his commandment, to believe in Jesus

So what are all these commandments that we are to follow? Complicated? What is the message that we are to follow?

FIRST: The first commandment that *we believe in Jesus.* Of course, our starting point!

SECOND: Follow his commandment, *which is to love one another.*

I believe in order to understand, we have to go to first to Mk 12 then Jn 13.34-35.

Mark 12:28-31 NKJV

Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him,
"Which is the first commandment of all?"

Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is:

'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God w/ all your heart, soul, mind, your strength.'
This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these."

"Upon this LAW of LOVE rests all the law and the prophets" according to Jesus. (What??)

The first commandment is: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

The second commandment is: "You shall not have any graven images or idols."

Jesus comes along and says: There is no other commandment greater than love???
There is a commandment that is greater than the 10 Commandments?

KEY is Jn 13: "I give you a new commandment, to love one another."

So in AD30, Jesus says the new commandment is love. ...30-40 years later, John is saying

“I give you the same commandment that you heard from the beginning that is love.”

John is not talking about an old commandment from the OT (Dt 6),

I believe he's talking about the NEW commandment that Jesus gave 30 years earlier.

I am giving you the OLD command (from 30 yrs ago) that is a new command which is from the beginning...

...Not from the OT Law of Moses, but from the *new law of our law Moses!* : Love...love...love!

Jesus redefines the entire OT Law; institutes a new, higher law: ***The Law of Love*** . Masterful how God does this:

Jesus fulfills the OT Law by walking in perfect holiness;

He satisfies the wrath of God on all sin by becoming the perfect sin offering

He then redefines the 10 laws by making them one law: love. (Only He can do this redefinition...only He fulfilled them)

Then He invites ALL of humanity to shall in His fulfilling of the OT Law

Then issues one simple command: If you are in me, then love.

So we no longer follow the law of Moses; we follow the Law of Jesus...LOVE.

Without love, you cannot follow the 10 commandments.

Stop adultery? (Learn to love Jesus). Stop coveting? Honor parents? Stop stealing?

THIRD: ABIDE in Him!

In these five verses: 6x...abide. Harkens back to Jn back to John 15: 8x...abide and remain Is John trying to tell us something?

The word abide, remain or dwell is the verb form of the noun: dwelling place.

For instance, “home” is a noun, “to home in” (verb). “This is very homey” (adjective) All relate to a home or dwelling place.

You cannot go home if there is no home! If you have NO home then you cannot live in a home; you cannot abide or remain.

-You are wandering...lost...a nomad.

-Out in the elements...unprotected...unprovided for! (You may see what I'm already saying)

John is desperately trying to emphasize abiding and remaining in Jesus, OUR HOME.

Outside are wolves; antichrists; liars; and an evil world system that is passing away...

But inside this home of Jesus...warm fire; food is on the table...

Recently housed two refugees from FL...

THERE IS A STORM COMING, SHELTER IN PLACE!

