

CG - Gathering

Sermon Series: The Letters of John

Sermon Title: Keeping his Commands — 1 John 2:3-11



Call to Worship (Read Psalm 119:33-34)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Pray

"Father, as we study Your Word tonight, deepen our assurance in Christ and produce in us the obedience and love that reflect a true knowledge of You and Jesus you Son. Amen."

Read: 1 John 2:3-11

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why do you think John presents both obedience and love together rather than treating them separately?
2. John-Mark said in the sermon: "The evidence of conversion is not merely a past decision but a present pattern." What does that mean practically?
3. According to 1 John 2:3-6, how does obedience function as evidence that we know Christ?
4. John says we should "walk in the same way in which He walked." What characteristics of Christ's life stand out to you most? (submission, humility, sacrificial obedience, perseverance, commitment to God's will)
5. In verses 9-11, John contrasts love and hatred. What are the consequences of each according to the passage?
6. Christian love is more than emotion; it is a loyal commitment that pursues forgiveness and reconciliation. Is there a relationship in which God may be calling you to demonstrate Christlike love this week?

Reconciliation Challenge: Walk as Jesus Walked this week. If there is an unresolved conflict, prayerfully take one step toward peace through a conversation, apology, forgiveness, or act of kindness.

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1. The Moral Test: True Knowledge Produces Obedience (vv. 3-6)

2. The Social Test: True Knowledge Produces Love (vv. 7-11)

3. The Nature of Christian Love