



Lesson Two – How Do We Know? (1 John 2:1-11)

Let's Get Started

- ⊕ Many Christians admittedly are not growing in their experience, their connection with God. They may know they're saved, feel confident about Heaven, but are not living the abundant life He's promised while on this earth.
 - * What are some of the reasons for this?
 - * (CHALLENGING ONE!!) Where would you put yourself in your walk with God? Are you growing in maturity and in your relationship with Him...or moving away? Explain.

- ⊕ In chapter 1, John casts sin and confession as a matter of "light vs darkness." Here he will say the same thing about loving our brothers and sisters.
 - * What do you think love for fellow Christians accomplishes?
 - * What does our behavior toward fellow believers say about our faith?

Into the Text

- ⊕ Time For a Test – 2:1-6
 - * "My little children" – a term of _____ . He's showing his concern!
 - This is NOT John showing an _____ of sin.
 - It's just a reminder: no one's _____ !
 - * Jesus is our _____ : He **represents** us before God.
 - * Jesus Christ's sacrifice was the only thing that would _____ God.
 - * How do you *know* if you **know** God?
 - Do you keep His _____ ?
 - Truly knowing God is not some vague _____ or emotion.
 - The one who _____ His word – living the LIFE! (vs 5)
 - * Walking as He walked is our moral _____ according to John.

Talk About It

- ⊕ Is John telling us we need to be perfect?
 - * What then does unconfessed sin do to our lives?
 - * Does Jesus as our advocate encourage you to take those sins to Him? Why or why not?

Into the Text

⊕ This is NOT New Information – 2:7-11

* What is the “old” command John is reiterating? _____

* But, in 2:8, he says it **is** new! Look at John 13:34. It’s “new” to love like _____!

* John gives us three qualities of the one who hates his brother:

▪ His _____ - he lives in darkness (9 & 11)

▪ His _____ - he walks in the darkness (11)

▪ His _____ - he doesn’t know where he’s going (11)

* Knowledge is important – but no more important than _____!

Talk About It

⊕ How has your love for other Christians changed as you’ve matured in your faith?

⊕ According to 2:10, how do we demonstrate love for our Christian family? What does that mean in daily life?