

i John Series

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1 John 2:7, “Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard.”

2 John 1:5, “And now I ask you, lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.”

1 John 3:23, “And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.”

1 John 4:21, “And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.”

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

1 John 2:8, “On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.”

John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5, “And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

John 1:9, “There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.”

John 3:19, “And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil.

John 3:20, “For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

John 3:21, “But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

John 8:12, “Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.’ ”

1 John 2:9, “The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.”

1 John 2:10, “The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.”

1 John 2:11, “But the one who 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.”

a. Love: [working definition] A mental attitude which desires the best for its object.

b. Love is notoriously difficult to define.

c. Webster's Third International Dictionary:

- 1. the attraction, desire, or affection felt for a person who arouses delight or admiration or elicits tenderness, sympathetic interest, or benevolence: devoted affection.**
- 2. warm attachment, enthusiasm, or devotion.**
- 3. the benevolence attributed to God resembling a father's affection for his children.**

d. Two categories or expressions of divine love manifest themselves:

God's PERSONAL LOVE:

God's IMPERSONAL LOVE:

e. It is this love which is the pattern, model, archetype, prototype of the new commandment. We are to love one another as Christ loved us.

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Impersonal Love is impossible but God doesn't mandate the impossible without providing the means of accomplishment.

Impersonal Love is the hallmark of the believer.

Impersonal Love is the basis for problem solving in human relations. Human relationships will never be what they can be and will always have an element of instability and tenuousness without Impersonal Love.

Impersonal Love is the ability to accept all people as they are warts and all. It is the absence of mental attitude sins, the absence of prejudice, and the presence of a genuine concern, regard, and solicitousness for even those who may be treating us the worst.

Impersonal Love will have no stability or strength without grace orientation and doctrinal orientation.

Impersonal Love develops the capacity for life, love, happiness.

Lev. 19:18, “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.”

Gal. 5:14, “For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

James 2:8, “If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well.”

Lev. 19:18

John 13:34–35

**To Israel:
believer and unbel.**

**To Church:
believer ONLY**

LOVE

LOVE

Your neighbor

One another

As yourself

As Christ loved you