



Nothing New (1 John 2:7-14)

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☑ **No New Commandment!**

☑ **Not my own doctrine:** “Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine,** whether it is **from God** or whether I speak on **My own authority**. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”**” John 7:16-19 NKJV

☑ **If you don’t believe Moses...** “But I know you, that **you do not have the love of God in you**. I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? **Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses,** in whom you trust. **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not**

believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

John 5:42-47 NKJV

- ☑ "For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me**, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And **this is the will of Him** who sent Me, that everyone **who sees the Son and believes in Him** may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:38-40 NKJV
- ☑ **The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.**
- ☑ What commandment did they have from "the beginning?"
- ☑ **Consider he is about to expound on light and darkness...** "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "**Let there be light**"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and **God divided the light from the darkness.**" Genesis 1:2-4 NKJV
- ☑ **Separating Darkness from the Light!**

- ☑ “Therefore, **since we have this ministry**, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor **handling the word of God** deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. **For we do not preach ourselves**, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. **For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**” II Corinthians 4:1-6 NKJV

- ☑ “*Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.*” I John 2:8 NKJV

- ☑ **Why is the old commandment now a new commandment?**

- ☑ What was coming was as transference of ministry.
Yahweh was calling man to step into the ministry to the world. The separation of light from darkness was not new, the assignment for you do be the light that separates darkness was new!
- ☑ We make this our aim to live a certain way because we are being watched...it is our job to PERSUADE MEN by what they see in us!
- ☑ “Therefore **we make it our aim**, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, **we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.**” II
Corinthians 5:9-11 NKJV
- ☑ And what is our job? Ministers of Reconciliation compelled by the love of Christ!
- ☑ “**For we do not commend ourselves again** to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. For if we are beside

ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. **For the love of Christ compels us**, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, **that those who live should live no longer for themselves**, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, **from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh**. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation." II Corinthians 5:12-19 NKJV

- ☑ God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and now we are...Ambassadors through whom He is now doing the pleading...
- ☑ “Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us**: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made

Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, **that we might become the righteousness of God** in Him.” II

Corinthians 5:20-21 NKJV

☑ **Because the darkness is passing away and the light is shining!**

☑ You are the light that separates darkness—Walk in Light—He is the Light

☑ **I am the light...**

☑ “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “**I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”” John 8:12 NKJV

☑ **You are the light...**

☑ ““You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. “**You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men,** that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

☑ **If we say we are in Him, we cannot walk in darkness**

☑ Works of the Flesh

- ☑ “Now **the works of the flesh are evident**, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things **will not inherit the kingdom of God.**” Galatians 5:19-21 NKJV

☑ Walk in love NOT darkness

- ☑ “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And **walk in love**, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **has any inheritance in the kingdom** of Christ and God. **Let no one deceive you with empty words**, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the **sons of disobedience**. Therefore do not

be partakers with them. For **you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light** (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. **And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.** For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. **But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light,** for whatever makes manifest is light.” Ephesians 5:1-13 NKJV

☑ **Cast off the works of darkness**

☑ “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. **Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.** Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. **But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,** and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” Romans 13:11-14 NKJV

☑ *“He who says he is in the **light**, and **hates** his brother, is in **darkness** until now. He who **loves his brother abides in the light**, and there is **no cause for stumbling in him**. But he who **hates his brother is in darkness** and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the **darkness has blinded his eyes.**” I John 2:9-11 NKJV*

☑ **Hate = Darkness**

☑ **“Whoever hates his brother is a murderer**, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.” I John 3:15 NKJV

☑ **“If someone says, “I love God,” and **hates his brother, he is a liar**; for **he who does not love** his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”**
I John 4:20 NKJV

☑ **Where did John get this teaching?**

☑ **““You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ **But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.** And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”** Matthew 5:21-22 NKJV

☑ **Love = Light**

☑ And here is the the new commandment!

☑ **LOVE!** “A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another; as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”” John 13:34-35 NKJV

☑ **AGAIN!** ““You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **“You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

☑ **No Stumbling**

☑ Never Stumble? How?

☑ “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things **you will never stumble;**” II Peter 1:10 NKJV

- ☑ “Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand.” Psalms 37:24 NKJV
- ☑ “though **he may stumble, he will not fall**, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.” Psalms 37:24 NIV
- ☑ Study these two teaching which include II Peter 1:10
 - ☑ [The Path to the Divine Nature—Foundational Teaching](#)
 - ☑ [The Path to the Divine Nature—Scripture Resources](#)

The Maturing Process

“I write to you, **little children**, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake. I write to you, **fathers**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, **young men**, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, **little children**, Because you have known the Father. I have written to you, **fathers**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, **young men**, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.” I John 2:12-14 NKJV

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☑ Little Children

- ☑ The reason we are called born again is because when we are first forgiven of our sins we become new born babies in the faith. We are new creatures like we have seen already in this teaching (II Corinthians 5:12-19). Little children have all the same inheritance in the faith but not the same capacity to walk in it, understand it, claim it, and take full advantage of it!

☑ Children...

- ☑ “And if you are Christ’s, then you are **Abraham’s seed**, and heirs according to the promise.” Galatians 3:29 NKJV

- ☑ “Now I say that the heir, **as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave**, though he is master of all,” Galatians 4:1 NKJV

- ☑ *“I write to you, **fathers**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, **young men**, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, **little children**, Because you have **known the Father.**” I John 2:13 NKJV*

☑ Fathers

- ☑ Fathers are fully mature and understand completely what John is saying about all this old and new stuff, its

connection to Genesis and the interrelationships of hate and love and darkness and light and the transition that takes place as you step into the shoes of the Messiah and His ministry!

- ☑ Not many fathers...that is why...
 - ☑ “I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For **though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers;** for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me. **For this reason I have sent Timothy** to you, who is **my beloved and faithful son** in the Lord, **who will remind you** of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.” I Corinthians 4:14-17
NKJV

- ☑ **Young Men**

- ☑ Timothy—the quintessential example!
- ☑ **Timothy, a true son in the faith**
 - ☑ “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, To **Timothy, a true son in the faith:** Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.”
I Timothy 1:1-2 NKJV

- ☑ “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—**remain in Ephesus** that you may charge some that they **teach no other doctrine,**” I Timothy 1:3 NKJV
- ☑ **The whole purpose!**
- ☑ “Now the purpose of the **commandment is love** from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,” I Timothy 1:5 NKJV
- ☑ There it is—you see the connection of Love with the beginning?
- ☑ **Instructions**
- ☑ “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare,**” I Timothy 1:18 NKJV
- ☑ “If you **instruct the brethren in these things,** you will **be a good minister** of Jesus Christ, **nourished in** the words of **faith** and of the **good doctrine** which you have carefully followed.” I Timothy 4:6 NKJV
- ☑ “**Let no one despise your youth,** but **be an example** to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12 NKJV

- ☑ **“Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine.** Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” I Timothy 4:16 NKJV
- ☑ **Stay Spotless**
- ☑ “I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you **keep this commandment without spot, blameless** until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing,” I Timothy 6:13-14 NKJV
- ☑ **Guard what was committed to you!**
- ☑ “O Timothy! **Guard what was committed to your trust**, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.” I Timothy 6:20-21 NKJV
- ☑ **Teach others!**
- ☑ “You therefore, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to **teach others** also.” II Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV
- ☑ **Remind others!**

- ☑ “**Remind them of these things**, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God**, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:14-15 NKJV
- ☑ Continue in what so you will be approved?
- ☑ “But you must **continue in the things which you have learned** and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that **from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture is given** by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV
- ☑ “I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: **Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.**” II Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV

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☑ **Fathers have known Him who is from the beginning**

☑ (See above)

☑ **Young men are strong.**

☑ (The word abides in you...Again think Timothy)

☑ **Maturity!**

☑ “For though by this time **you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have **come to need milk and not solid food**. For everyone who **partakes only of milk** is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **But solid food belongs to those who are of full age**, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

☑ “Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the elementary principles** of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying

on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.” Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

Overcome the wicked one

- When the enemy attacks... “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:7 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

Do Not Love the World (I John 2:15-29)