



1 John 2: 1 - 17

Last Week In 1 John

- Light & Darkness
- Holiness of God
- God is light & Love
- The World will hate us
- Exciting times/traps to watch out for

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The Test of Knowing Christ

2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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The Test of Knowing Him

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

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⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸ 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.

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⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ 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.

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Their Spiritual State

¹² I write to you, little children,

Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

¹³ 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.

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I write to you, little children,
Because you have known the Father.

¹⁴ 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.

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Do Not Love the World

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Loving Community

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Walking in darkness

Does not know where he is going

Being out of loving community is dangerous
to your health

Loving Community

The major marks “of genuine Christianity” according to Michael Eaton is :

- Faith
- Love

There's no "I" in John's writing



Loving Community

“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness “ 1 John 2:9

“Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.” 1 John 2:4

Love – Agapao – To love in the Social/Moral sense

Hates – Miseo – To love less / to show preference over another

“Love your neighbour as yourself”. Matt 22:37-39

“hates a brother or sister”

Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." Rom 9:13

Loving Community

- What does a biblical loving community look like?
- What are the benefits of a loving community?
- How to develop a loving community?

What does a “biblical” Loving Community look like?

More like modern Gang Culture - Francis Chan

What are the biblical models of Community?

Loving Army



³ Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.

2Tim 2:3-4

Family



The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8

Loving Body



¹² There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. 1 Cor 12

What are the benefits of a loving community?

A taste of Heaven...



Support



Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Gal 6:2

Not Selfish



Love... is not self seeking 1 Cor 13:4-5

Refining



As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Pro
27:17

Accountability



Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. James 5:16

Power of Love



Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!....For there the LORD commanded the blessing
Ps 133

Attractional Church



“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them” John 6:44

How to develop a loving community?

Build Understanding



Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood - Stephen Covey

Not Loving the World



Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 1 John 2:15

Grace Growers



Commit to Grow in Love

