

# **LIVING IN LOVE**

## **I John 2:3-11**

**Today let us consider some of John's instructions about what is required for the believer to be living in love.**

### **I. LOVING GOD** (3-6)

- Consider three questions that assess the degree to which we love Him.

#### **A. DO WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS?** (3-4)

1. The Assurance from Obedience (3)
2. The Absence of Obedience (4)

#### **B. ARE WE MATURING IN OUR RELATIONSHIP?** (5)

1. The Committed: He is consistently keeping the Word
2. His Condition: The love of God is being perfected in him
3. His Confidence: By this we know that we are in Him

#### **C. DO WE IMITATE CHRIST'S WALK?** (6)

1. Confession: He says he abides in Christ
2. Confirmation: He has an obligation to walk in Christ's ways

### **II. LOVING OTHERS** (7-11)

- Note two elements of God's commandment

#### **A. THE COMMANDMENT DESCRIBED** (7-8)

1. It's Essence (7-8a)
  - a. Old (7)
  - b. New (8a)
2. It's Effect (8b)
  - a. Having an impact
  - b. Making a difference

#### **B. THE COMMANDMENT APPLIED** (9-11)

- When tested by this truth three results are revealed.

1. Some are in Darkness (9)
  - a. They are hypocritical
  - b. They are unsaved
  - c. They could be redeemed
2. Some are Dutiful (10)
  - a. Their conduct: Loving their brother
  - b. Their condition: Abiding in the Light and not stumbling

3. Some are in Danger (11)
  - a. The habitual hater is in darkness
  - b. The habitual hater is disoriented
  - c. The habitual hater is disabled

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### **Living in love involves duty.**

1. Do you truly love God?
2. Do you truly love others?

And He said to him, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." "This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." - Matthew 22:37-40