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<p>1 John 2:1-6</p> <p>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.</p> <p>Love and Hatred for Fellow Believers</p> <p>³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God^[a] is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.</p> <p><i>a. Or word, God’s love</i></p>		
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<p>1 John 2:7-14</p> <p>Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.</p> <p>⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister^[b] is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister^[c] lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.</p> <p>Reasons for Writing</p> <p>¹² I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.</p> <p>¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.</p> <p>¹⁴ I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.</p> <p>b. The Greek word for <i>brother or sister (adelphos)</i> refers here to a believer, whether man or woman, as part of God’s family; also in verse 11; and in 3:15, 17; 4:20; 5:16.</p> <p>c. The Greek word for <i>brother and sister (adelphos)</i> refers here to a believer, whether man or woman, as part of God’s family; also in 3:10; 4:20, 21.</p>		
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1 Samuel 15:22

John 14:15, 23-24

How did you learn lessons of obedience as a child? What was your motivation to obey?

Describe a time when you struggled to act in obedience and to live like Christ. What was the impact of your struggle on others?

Lecture Notes

Prayer Requests
