



**The Old / New
Commandment**

1 John 2:7-11

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Question of the Day:

Name a food that you "love" and a food that you "hate".

I. We need to _____ and receive God's Word regularly. So quickly we _____!

- "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." (Matthew 7:24)
- "For the word of God is _____ and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

II. John's words were repeated over and over again. _____ one another!"

- John repeated what Jesus said and what Jesus did: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)
- God loved us first, even in our own rebellion, "while we were enemies with God" (Romans 5:10). This is the love test, to love others like Jesus loves us.

III. The stark contrast between dark and light. (v. 8-11)

- The more you walk in the darkness the more blind you become, and you lose your capacity to see.
- "Whoever loves his brother lives in the light...whoever hates his brother is in the darkness" (v. 10-11)
- Hate takes many forms. What are you and I most guilty of?
- Our _____ to love and forgive comes to us to the degree we are _____ in the light of God's love and God's Word.

IV. The light of God's love will conquer the darkness in you. Keep walking toward God's light. Your hope is secure in Him. Some questions to think and pray about as you apply God's Word to your life:

- Am I loving? Who in my life is the hardest to love?
- Where do I tend to forget the gospel? Where do I tend to practice 'hate'?
- How can the depth of Jesus' love for me transform my heart and attitude towards others?
- Who in my life needs to experience God's love through me? Who is that person???

Next Sunday...

Our series, "Anchored," based on the book of 1 John, continues. For next Sunday read 1 John 2:12-17: Conflicting Loves

ability, walking
love
living
hear, forget

Answers: