

Studies in the Book of 1 John
“**FOCUS OF FELLOWSHIP**”

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Lesson 4

TEXT: 1 John 2:3-9

Theme: True Fellowship is Walking the Talk

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- “...we do know that we (love) him”
- “...we do know that we (fellowship with) him”
- “...we do know that we (walk with) him”
- “...we do know that we (abide in) him”
- “...we do know that we (walk in the light with) him”

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- B. What are his commandments?

1. “**his word**” however revealed (God’s divine will) 1John 2:5
2. **The Law of Christ** as revealed in Galatians 6:2. Love is revealed by bearing one another’s burdens.
3. **Specifically**, it is 1 John 3:11, which says “... we should love one another” 1 John 2:7. The old commandment to love was Jesus to his disciples which they heard about, but was now written. **The new written was the old heard.**

11. “**He that saith, I know him...**” **1 John 2:4**
You can say anything you want, but it doesn’t make it true. You can say you are walking in fellowship with the Lord, **but the Lord says if you don’t obey his commandments; you don’t (love, walk, or abide) in him.**

111. “**He that saith he abideth in him**” **1 John 2:6**
John 15:4-12 also tell us what it means to abide in him. **Christians, not lost people, ought to walk as he walk.**

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If “**is**” is now, then “**hateth**” is now, and he is now in “**darkness**” (sin). Hatred is a sign that he is walking in the flesh. Galatians 5:19-20

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