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First John: Authentic Faith for Jesus' People

#4: The New (Old) Command

1 John 2:7-11

I. The importance of _____ the same thing for the first time—again (v. 7)

1. “_____ is the mother of learning.” John repeats himself in writing.
2. “The word which [they] heard” was the _____ of Jesus.

II. The importance of recognizing the _____ between darkness and light (v. 8)

1. John gives the “new command” with confidence in its _____, both in the Lord and in His working in His followers’ lives.
2. This truth is believed and lived in a time of _____ between darkness and light.

III. The contradiction: claiming to be in the light and _____ your brother (v. 9)

1. Jesus’ people must _____ in the light which we have through the Person and work of Jesus.
2. There is no room for a Christian “hating his _____.”

IV. The calling of the social test: _____ your brother and _____ in the light (vv. 10-11)

1. The practice of love as Jesus’ followers gives _____ that we are walking in the light.
2. The practice of love as Jesus’ followers _____ rather than detracts from our witness of Jesus. “There is no cause of stumbling” in those who practice Jesus’ love.
3. Harboring hatred in our hearts extinguishes the _____ of Jesus and confuses the _____ forward in life. “The darkness has blinded his eyes.”

Take it home (applications).