

## Apostolic Assurance: Our Fellowship of Justness (1 John 2:1-6)

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Keeping from the heart not an external list. Commandments stands for the entirety of Jesus words and work. Keeping justness as a way of living within oneself.

OPEN What's the mystery of falling in love in Huston's Song, "How will I know if he really loves me?"

In the biblical world We know that Jesus really loves us when we keep his commandments.

BRIDGE How God counsels us from John's response to the problem in the first days of Christianity.

Two extreme views untroubled by guilt ← → troubled by guilt possessed true knowledge of God.

EXPLORE the passage to familiarize ourselves with the content and structure of John's message.

What standard moves John to address his children in the faith?

John focuses on sin several times what verse gets the most attention?

Words characterize Jesus and his provision for eliminating the guilty conscience?

What characterizes someone who claims to know the love of God but denies the imperative to keep his commandments?

What characterizes someone who keeps righteous Jesus' commandments?

**The law of love ensures a fellowship of justness when one keeps Jesus' commandments. What happens when we keep Jesus' commandments?**

When we YOKE in the law of love (keep his commandments) we experience a fellowship of justness.

1. We avoid sin as a way of life. Walking in the light = not sinning = stray from the light = treating someone unjustly or receiving unjust treatment.
2. We appropriate the righteousness of our advocate. Advocate provides personal representation and the Father with a just delight receives righteous Jesus Christ because Jesus propitiated the just wrath of an offended God. Knowing this enables confession as the means for a clean conscience and by this knowledge we appropriate his righteousness.
  - How does the promise of being purified from sin make you feel?
  - In view of this, what becomes of the concept of forgive yourself?

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3. We actualize mature love as this process of keeping righteous Jesus' commandments keeps us stewarding life according to his just example.
  - What does how we treat one another reveal about us?
4. We abide in him because his word abides in us which affirms our just expectation of one another. We expect those claiming to know righteous Jesus Christ to therefore walk as a mirror reflection of him.

IMPLEMENT the logic of love to develop moral insight by defining positive instruction characterized as:

1. Make the rule easy to obey.
2. Make the consequence inconvenient to disobey.
3. Make the outcome Impossible to lie about

A child needs to learn that training in the right way of treating the parent and the parent's does not cause the child to hate. Hate causes the child to lie about unjust treatment toward the parent.

TAKEAWAY

1. Answer Whitney Huston's question with a question:
  - a. "How will I know if he really loves me?"
  - b. How will I know that I really love him?"
2. Wondering about if Jesus loves me?
  - a. derives from uncertainty.
  - b. Uncertainty derives from a guilty conscience.
  - c. A guilty conscience derives from knowledge about sin.
  - d. Knowledge about sin derives from keeping his commandments (walking in the light).
3. What truth abides with keeping his commandments?
  - a. The law of love "We know that we know him (i.e. We know him with certainty) if we keep his commandments.
  - b. **We do not confess sin and keep his commandments to know him. Our knowledge of righteous Jesus Christ enables us to confess the sins that we know.**