

Sermon Application Study

May 3, 2026

Target Passage → 1 John 2:7-11

1. In what sense is this an old commandment? In what sense is it a new commandment? What is John's point for describing the commandment this way.
2. How does knowing that the darkness is passing away and the true light is shining keep us faithful to the old/new commandment?
3. Why can't we hate (be angry, bitter, unforgiving) toward brothers and sisters in Christ and also walk in the light?
4. How does loving our brother indicate we abide in the light?
5. How does the darkness of hatred blind us from the light of Christ?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Leviticus 19:9-18, John 13:34-35, Philippians 3:12-16

For Me →

1. What happens to a church when the hate/anger/bitterness of the world is allowed to operate among the people in a church? Have you seen this?
2. Do you have on-going relational issues with a brother or sister in Christ that must be confronted? What do you need to do to make peace?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord for a heart so full of Christ-like love that you cannot proceed to follow him without making peace with others. Ask God to root out any bitterness you have been carrying.

For the Mission →

How can the pursuit of peace and reconciliation with people outside the church community lead to opportunities for others to be saved?