

1 John 2:12-17

(Finish 3-11)

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Explain the point being made in vv. 7-8

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a. **Brethren, I write no new commandment to you ... a new commandment I write to you:** The commandment John wrote of was at the same time both **old** (in the sense that it was preached to them their whole Christian lives) and **new** (in the sense that it was called the *new commandment* by Jesus in [John 13:34](#))

**"I give you a new commandment—to love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.
Everyone will know by this that you are my disciples
if you have love for one another."**

John 13:34-35

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What are some other reasons?

vv 3-6

vv 8-11

Keep commandments	Breaks commandments	Is in the light Knows the truth	Claims to be in the light
Keeps God's word	Ignores God's word	Loves	Hates
Abides in Him	Abides in the world	Resides in light	Is in the darkness
Walks as Jesus	Worldly behavior	No cause to stumble	Eyes blinded

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Words of Reassurance

12 I am writing to you, little children, that your sins have been forgiven because of his name. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, that you have known him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, that you have conquered the evil one. 14 I have written to you, children, that you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, that you have known him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young people, that you are strong, and the word of God resides in you, and you have conquered the evil one.

What is the message in the passage?

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

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I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

"...several forms or orders in the school of Christ:
let the infants or minors, the adults, the seniors
(or the *adepti*, the *teleioi*, the most *perfect*),
in the Christian institution,"

Matthew Henry

little children, because your sins have been forgiven you

fathers, because you know Him

young men, because you have overcome the evil one

little children, because your sins have been forgiven you

New believers

fathers, because you know Him

Elders

young men, because you have overcome the evil one

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SON

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HOLY SPIRIT

Do Not Love the World

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

What stands out to you in this passage?

1 John 2:16

" ...the things of the world...

the lust of the flesh

the lust of the eyes

the boastful pride of life

... not from the Father, but from the world."

Sums up the origin of sin

Gen 6

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food,
and that it was a delight to the eyes,
and that the tree was desirable to make *one wise*,
she took from its fruit and ate;
and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

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But doesn't Satan also make us sin?

(The devil made me do it)

**Satan doesn't make you sin any more
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**When the Devil reminds you of your past,
Remind him of his future!**

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If "God so loved the world...",

why does this say "do not love the world"?

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Hallelujah!