

Do You Know Him?

# 1 John 1:1-5

***This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)***

***What does this say about God?***

# 1 John 1:6-2:2

- 1 Jn 1:6 - If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (Choice 1 - Disobey)

- 1 Jn 1:7 - ***But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (Choice 2 - Obey)***

- 1 Jn 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (Choice 1 - Disobey)

- 1 Jn 1:9 - ***If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Choice 2 - Obey)***

- 1 Jn 1:10 - If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (Choice 1 - Disobey)

- 1 Jn 2:1-2 - ***My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. (Choice 2 - Obey)***

**What does this say about Christians/Believers/Messianics?**

## Test of Knowing Him

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1 John 2:3-6)

# Commandments

- Commandments - εντολη –Transliterated: entole; Pronounced: en-tol-ay': instruction, precept order, injunction

# Commandments in the New Testament

- Greatest Commandment -- Jesus said to him, “ *‘You shall love YHVH your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the Prophets.*” (Matthew 22:37-40)
- Yeshua fulfills the Torah- “*Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the Torah till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*” (Matthew 5:17-20)

# Commandments in the New Testament

- New Commandment – *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (John 13:34-35)
- The Commandments & Holy Spirit - *“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”* (John 14:15-18)

# Commandments in the New Testament

- Keeping the Commandments – *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”* (John 14:21)
- Yeshua’s Commandments - *“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”* (John 15:9-13)



### Questions for Disciples

- What does this teach us about God?
- What does this teach us about Man?
- If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change or obey?

## Test of Knowing Him

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1 John 2:3-6)

- **Walk** - περιπατεω – Transliterated: peripateo; Pronounced: per-ee-pat-eh'-o: to conduct oneself, behave, to live in a specified manner
- **Keep** - τηρεω – Transliterated: tereo; Pronounced: tay-reh'-o: keep watch over, to guard, to keep

# Old and New Commandment – Darkness & Light

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, ***because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.*** (1 John 2:7-8)

He who says he is in the light, and ***hates*** his brother, is in ***darkness*** until now. He who loves his brother abides in the ***light***, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who ***hates*** his brother is in ***darkness and walks in darkness***, and does not know where he is going, because the ***darkness*** has blinded his eyes. (1 John 2:9-11)

- **Light** - φως – Transliterated: phos; Pronounced: foce: *sphere dominated by righteousness, goodness, and the knowledge of God*
- **Darkness** - σκοτια – Transliterated: skotia; Pronounced: skot-ee'-ah: sphere dominated by evil, sinfulness, and ignorance of God and His ways; understood as the absence of light
- **Hate** - μισεω – Transliterated: miseo; Pronounced: mis-eh'-o: detest, abhor, scorn, enemy

## Questions for Disciples

- What does this teach us about God?
- What does this teach us about Man?
- If we believe this passage is from God, how must we change or obey?

# Do Not Love the World

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the ***will of God abides forever***. (1 John 2:15-17)

- **Genesis 3:6** - So when the woman saw that the ***tree was good for food (lust of the flesh)***, that it was ***pleasant to the eyes (lust of the eyes)***, and a ***tree desirable to make one wise (pride of life)***, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
- Romans 12:2, James 1:27, 12:2, Matthew 6:24
- **Love** - ἀγαπάω [agapao /ag·ap·ah·o/]: love dearly, cherish, loyalty
- **World** - κόσμος [kosmos /kos·mos/]: world system – people’s values, beliefs, morals are in distinction and rebellion to God’s
- **Lust** - ἐπιθυμία [epithumia /ep·ee·thoo·mee·ah/]: craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden
  - **James 1:12-15**
- **Will** - θέλημα [thelema /thel·ay·mah/]: purpose, desire, pleasure
- **Abides** - μένω [meno /men·o/]: stay, remain, persist
- **Forever** - αἰών [aion /ahee·ohn/]: age, eon, eternity