

JOHN'S FIRST LETTER - Part IX

"The New Old Commandment"

Reference: **I John 2:7-11**

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The BIG IDEA of **verses seven** through **eleven** is to _____
_____.

Read **verse seven**

John said the commandment to love one another wasn't a new commandment. It was actually an old commandment. This injunction had been taught earlier in the Old Testament Mosaic code.

Reference: **Leviticus 19:18** (see screen)

Matthew chapter twenty-two describes three different attempts to discredit Jesus through presenting Him three different questions. This text we are about to read describes the third question and that question was: Which is the _____ commandment in the Mosaic Law?

Reference: **Matthew 22:35-40** (see screen)

Reference: **Deuteronomy 6:5; Ephesians 5:29**

The first great commandment is to love _____ and the second great commandment is to love _____.

The Ten Commandments are found in **Exodus 20:1-17** and are then repeated in **Deuteronomy 5:4-21**

Notice that these commandments can be divided according to the greatest commandments:

The first four commandments relate to _____.

- 1) worship no other gods
- 2) make no idols
- 3) don't miss-use God's name
- 4) honor God's special day (the Sabbath)

The second six commandments relate to _____.

- 5) honor our parents
- 6) don't murder
- 7) don't commit adultery
- 8) don't steal
- 9) don't lie
- 10) don't covet

On the surface **verses seven** and **eight** seem to contradict one another. In **verse seven** John said "... I write **no new commandment** to you..." and then in **verse eight** John said "... **a new commandment** I write to you..."

John was using what on the surface seems to be a contradiction to describe how the old commandment to love one another _____ a new commandment but in another sense _____ a new commandment.

Footnote: The Greek word translated as new is *kainos* and means newer not necessarily newer in chronological time or age but it is newer in _____.

Read **verse eight** (see screen)

This is how this old commandment **is not** a new commandment but **it is** a new commandment, because the injection of _____ causes it to become new (*kainos*)!

Reference: **I John 4:7-8** (see screen)

Read **verse nine** (see screen)

Light represents **God** and His associated _____ and darkness represents **Satan** and his associated _____.

Read **verses ten** and **eleven** (see screen)

Reference: **John 13:35** (see screen)

Lesson: The ultimate test of our commitment to this commandment to love and not hate one another is in our personal commitment to love the _____.

- Find the _____ to this person's un-loveable-ness.
- Find something _____ in the un-loveable person.
- Understand that un-loveable people need _____ most of all.
Reference: **I Peter 4:8**; **I John 4:11** (see screen)
- Remember to incorporate the _____.
Reference: **Matthew 7:12** (see screen)

- Refuse to _____ to this person's un-loveable-ness.
Reference: **Proverbs 15:1**; **Proverbs 15:18** (see screen)
- Be prepared to practice _____ toward this unlovable person.

Positional forgiveness is where someone _____ the offender and _____ about the offense.

Transactional forgiveness occurs when we forgive someone that _____ to be forgiven.

Reference: **Matthew 18:21-22** (see screen)

Christians should be the most _____ because Christians have been the most _____!