

# BOOK OF 1 JOHN

## Lesson #3 -Test of Knowing Him

Scripture Reading: 1John 1:3-11

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### Introduction:

1. We may know famous people indirectly, but not personally.
2. It is not enough to say we know God, we verify our knowledge of God through our obedience.

## **I. KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS**

### **A. BELIEF IN GOD IS NOT ENOUGH**

1. Many claim to believe in the existence of God
2. Many may even claim to be Christian

### **B. ONE MUST OBEY GOD ALSO**

1. Consider the inconsistency of following the Spirit vs. the flesh -Ga 5:16-ff
2. Consider the example of Amos -Amos 5:21-27

## **II. WALKING AS CHRIST WALKED**

### **A. JESUS WALKED IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD**

1. He came to do the will of the Father
  - a. His food was to do His will -Jn 4:34
  - b. He did not seek His own will, but the will of the Father -Jn 5:30; 6:38
2. He did not come to be served, but to serve -Mt 20:28
3. Not My will, but Thy will be done -Lk 22:42
4. He was faithful until death -Ph 2:5-8

### **B. OUR WALK BEFORE GOD TODAY**

1. Have we taken up our cross and are we following Jesus? -Mk 8:34-38
2. Are we living sacrifices before Him? -Ro 12:1, 2

## **III. LOVING OUR BROTHER**

### **A. DEMONSTRATED BY JESUS**

1. Jesus washed His disciples feet -Jn 13:1-ff
  - a. He did so to teach them to serve one another -Jn 13:12-17
  - b. They are blessed if they do them -vs 17
2. Jesus gave them the new commandment
  - a. Loving your neighbor as yourself was commanded in the OT -Le 19:18
  - b. Now Jesus demonstrated love in a deeper sense; we are to follow.

### **B. WE MUST LOVE OUR BROTHER**

1. We are not true followers otherwise
2. We cannot say we have fellowship with God, nor are we in the light.

### Conclusion:

1. When we keep His commandments, we walk as Jesus walked, and we love our brother, we know we are indeed His!
  2. It is good for us to test ourselves and ensure that we are in the faith -2Co 13:5
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