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JOHN HAS BEEN SAYING IN HIS LETTER IN CHAPTER 3:

- Teaching God's love (1)
- Purity (3) No sin (6) "sinneth not"
- A Christian will do righteousness (7, 9)
- Those who do evil...(8)
- Children of God (10)
- Then believers will love one another (11, 14) not hate
- And love (risk) for brothers & sisters
- **And now with all this...** John's concern – **conscience!**



IN LIGHT OF THESE BIG COMMANDS HERE IN CHAPTER 3:

- Is there evidence that you are truly His?
- Here **is** evidence!
- Are you keeping His commandments?
- Now what are His commandments?  From what he has been saying... [chapter 3]

2 POINTS ABOUT THIS:

I. This is His commandment (v. 23) 2 commandments:

- A. Believe, have faith


BELIEVE, (IN CHRIST) IS THE NEW TESTAMENT THEME:

- John 20:31 "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."
- 1 John 5:13 "that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God;"
- Acts 16:31 "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
- Mark 1:15 "...repent ye, and believe the gospel."
- Luke 24:47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations..., [to answer: why Jesus suffered and rose]"

- Acts 4:12 – "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
- John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

BELIEVE = OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDS. JESUS SAID:

>> *Matthew 7:21-23*

- B. Love one another (23) right belief  will lead to right conduct

II. How we know we are His (24)

A. Keep His commandments

"He abides in us" – abiding in Him has been described in this letter:

- Loving one's brother or sister (2:10)
- Doing the will of God (2:17)
- Honoring what we heard from beginning (2:24)
- Receiving God's anointing (2:27)
- Keeping His commands (3:24)

- B. By His Holy Spirit (24b) – we know we are His. That He has given us.

HOW DO WE KNOW WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- He makes an inward impression on your soul.
- He strengthens your conscience against sin.
- By His fruit (fruit of Spirit).
- By His leading in your life.
- By the gifts God gives you. Every believer is gifted...
- By the illuminating of the Word of God.
- By His interceding [on your behalf] bringing powers to your prayers.
 - **Do you have these?**

CONCLUSION:

- Do you really know that you are His?
- Was there a time you repented and ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you from your sin?
- Now where are the evidences of that salvation?