

Haters in the Darkness and Lovers in the Light: 1 John 2:7-11

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- I. Introduction
- II. Background
 - a) John gives assurance of salvation
 - b) John writes to combat the false teachers who distort the message of Christ
 - c) 1 John 1:5-2:11 to correct the false teachings of the false teachers
 - d) 1 John 1:5-2:2 teaching the importance of the gospel
 - e) 1 John 2:3-6 teaching that if you know God, you abide in God and you will obey the Lord
 - f) 1 John 2:7-11 teaching that if you are in the light then you love one another
- III. 1 John 2:7-11 (today)

1) (2:7-8) New and Old Command

2) (2:9) Hate Your Brother #1

3) (2:10) Love Your Brother

4) (2:11) Hate Your Brother #2

1) (2:7-8) New and Old Command

- a) John's hearers are "beloved"
- b) it's an old command
- c) yet it is a new command

2) (2:9) Hate Your Brother #1

- a) whoever says...
 - b) in the light
 - 1. has fellowship with God 1:6
 - 2. knows God 2:3-4
 - 3. is in God 2:5
 - 4. abides in God 2:6
- c) love and be in light or hate and be in darkness

3) (2:10) Love Your Brother

- a) whoever loves
- b) no cause for stumbling
 - 1. when a Christian is unloving and this causes people who are not Christians to stumble and reject Christ
 - 2. when a Christian acts unloving they are stumbling – which is rebellion against God

4) (2:11) Hate Your Brother #2

Application

1) Remind Yourself of the Love of God, the Father and the Son

- a) What do you fill your mind with?
- b) Do you fill your mind with wonderful truths?
- c) Do you think about God's grace and mercy?

d) Do you think about the above things?

2) Know the Power of the Gospel – You are in the Light!

a) Reality Check – Jesus is the true light

b) Reality Check – a person is in the dark without Jesus

c) Road map – only Jesus brings people from darkness to the light

d) Life transformation - become a child of the light

3) Live a Life of Love

a) if you know Jesus, you are called to love others

b) Paul needed to address “unloving” behavior in the church at Corinth

c) let the grace of Christ light the way for us to love one another