

## Sermon Handout

### Love One Another

#### I John 2:7-11

#### I. A New/Old Commandment vv. 7-8

a. Old Commandment “from the beginning” v. 7 *see* 3:11

i. Love is the summary of the Commandments

Mt 22:36-40; Mk 12:28-31 *cf.* Lk 10:25-28

ii. Paul asserts the same: Gal 5:13-14; Rom 13:8-10

b. “New” Commandment w/ the True Light v. 8

i. Jesus is the light Jn 1:4-5; 8:12

ii. Jesus *disclosed* the light of grace Jn 1:17-18; I Jn 1:2, 5

God has always been gracious & merciful Ex 34:6-7; Ps 145:8-9

The commandment is *renewed* (*cf.* v. 8 with Jn 13:34)

iii. We are *in him*; the true light shines forth v. 8

What is new is *empowerment* Jn 13:33-35 *cf.* 14:6-7

#### II. Return to the Light/Darkness Motif vv. 9-11

a. The acid test of faith in Jesus - who is in the light?

i. He who abides in Jesus should walk as he walked v. 6

ii. If you are in the light, you cannot hate your brother vv. 9-10a

b. Love does no harm to others Rom 13:10

To his body, his possessions, his family, his reputation Dt 5:17-22

Paul says we owe this to our neighbor Rom 13:8

John says it is the test of whether we live in Christ v. 11

c. Love protects us from stumbling v. 10b *cf.* Gal 5:14

d. Love is defined as action or restraint, not how we feel.

Hence it is to be genuine, not pretense Rom 12:9-10

Clinging to the good, hating evil.

#### III. Love for God and Man

a. The two great commandments cannot be separated Mt 22:38-40

b. The earthly life gives insight into the heavenly life

i. Progressivity of regeneration set out in 2:1-5

ii. The test of our progress is given in vv. 9-11

Let us then strive to “walk as he walked” v. 6

“As I have loved you, so you also love one another” Jn 13:34