

THE LAW OF GOD AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Introduction: When we obey God's laws, we act like Christ. When we disobey God's laws, we act like antichrist. The more we obey God's commandments, the more His love will be perfected in us.

Lesson Aim: Seek to obey God's laws, so His love is perfected in you and you know you are in Him.

Memory Verse: (He) that keeps His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby we know that we are in Him.

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer. (The last lesson was on the communion of fellowship as it related to the character of God and the confession of sin; and now we continue with . . .

C. Fellowship and the Conciliation of Christ – 2:1-2

1. How should a Christian treat sin? 2:1
2. What does a Christian have, if he sins? 2:1
3. What is meant by Christ being the propitiation for our sins? 2:1. **a.** His prayers will remove our sins. **b.** His sacrificial death satisfied the Father for our sins. **c.** His resurrection overcomes our sins.
4. What did Christ do for the whole world? 2:1

D. Fellowship and the Conformity of Children – 2:3-6

5. How can we be sure that we know God? 2:3
6. What is a person that says, "I know God," but is not keeping His laws? 2:4
7. Name two things that are true of a person that keeps God's laws? 2:5
8. How should a person walk that says he abides in Christ? 2:6

III. The Old, Yet New Commandment – 2:7-17 (This outline is a continuation from the last lesson, which dealt with the Communication of Life – 1:1-4 and the Communion of Fellowship – 1:4-2:6)

9. What is the new commandment that is really an old commandment? 2:7, 8, 10; 3:11; Lev 19:18
10. What is said about the person that hates his brother? 2:9, 11
11. Why should believers not love the world system and the things in it? 2:15-17

IV. The Conflict of Truth – 2:18-28

12. Who opposes the truth? 2:18, 19, 22
13. Who teaches the truth? 2:20, 27
14. What must believers do to be prepared for the coming of the Lord? 2:28

V. The Conduct of Believers – 2:29

15. How does a believer show that he is born again? 2:29