

**We Have Passed From Death Unto Life  
The True Light Now Shineth  
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**Scripture Memory: I John 2:8**

“Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.”

**Compare I John 2:7-11 and John 13:34, 35. What is the “commandment given by Christ?”**

**Discussion: Why is this a new commandment and why is it so important?**

*The new commandment is that we are to love each other as Christ has loved us.*

**Read John 15:9. If we love Christ whom else will we love? What is the reason we do not love others as we should?**

*Jesus commands us to love our brethren and we will if we love Him.*

**Read I John 2:8 and II Corinthians 4:6. What is the “true light” that shines in every believer? Why must we know the Lord Jesus Christ in order to keep the new command of Christ?**

*The true light is the glory of God in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**According to Colossians 1:13, God’s children have been delivered from what? How does one distinguish between one in the darkness and one in the kingdom of light?**

*If we are saved we have been delivered from the darkness unto the kingdom of light.*

**According to I John 2:9-11, what gives evidence that we are walking in the light? If a person will have very little to do with the children of light what might that indicate?**

If we love the brethren, this gives us evidence that a person is truly in the light.

**What characteristics are given in I John 2:11 of someone who is walking in darkness? Why do people hate each other? Why is this so unseemly among brethren?**

The person who hates (to turn one's back on another) his brother is in darkness.

**What do we learn in Proverbs 4:18-19 about the importance of being obedient to God and walking in His light? If we do not walk with Christ why will we find ourselves unable to live in a way that makes sense.**

*The one who is just walks upon a progressively brighter path while the wicked walks in darkness and stumble upon things they do not understand.*

**According to Revelation 2:1-5, what did the church in Ephesus do? Discussion: If we find ourselves not loving the Lord Jesus, what would He have us do?**

*The church of Ephesus left its first love.*