

Preaching and Practicing the Truth

God is Righteous

1 John 2:18-3:9

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²³ This is His commandment, that we **believe** in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and **love** one another, just as He commanded us.

²⁴ The one who **keeps** His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 3:23-24

FAITH

LOVE

OBEDIENCE

The Nature of Saving Faith

Counterfeit faith:

- James 2:14-20

Genuine faith:

1. Intellectual: a positive recognition of the truth
2. Emotional: a deep conviction and affirmation of the truth
3. Volitional: a personal trust in Christ as Savior and Lord, including a surrender to Christ

OUTLINE OF 1 JOHN

- I. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship – SPIRAL 1 (1:1-2:17)
 - A. The Fundamental Tests of Doctrine (1:1-2:2)
 - B. The Fundamental Tests of Morals (2:3-17)
- II. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship – SPIRAL 2 (2:18-3:24)
 - A. Part 2 of the Doctrinal Test (2:18-27)
 - B. Part 2 of the Moral Test (2:28-3:24)

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II. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship – SPIRAL 2 (2:18-3:24)

A. Part 2 of the Doctrinal Test (2:18-27)

1. Antichrists depart from Christian fellowship (2:18-21)
2. Antichrists deny the Christian faith (2:22-25)
3. Antichrists deceive the Christian faithful (2:26, 27)

B. Part 2 of the Moral Test (2:28-3:24)

1. The purifying hope of the Lord's return (2:28-3:3)
2. The Christian's incompatibility with sin (3:4-24)
 - a. The requirement of righteousness (3:4-10)

The Tests of 1 John

- ✓ Humanity of Christ (1:1-3)
- ✓ Sin (1:5-10)
- ✓ Obedience (2:3-6)
- ✓ Love for one another (2:7-11)
- ✓ Do not love the world (2:15-17)
- ✓ Confessing Jesus as the Christ (2:22)
- ✓ Practicing righteousness (2:29)
- ✓ Not practicing sin (3:9)