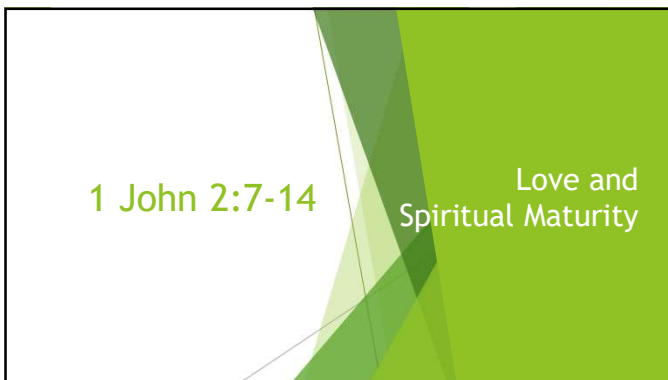
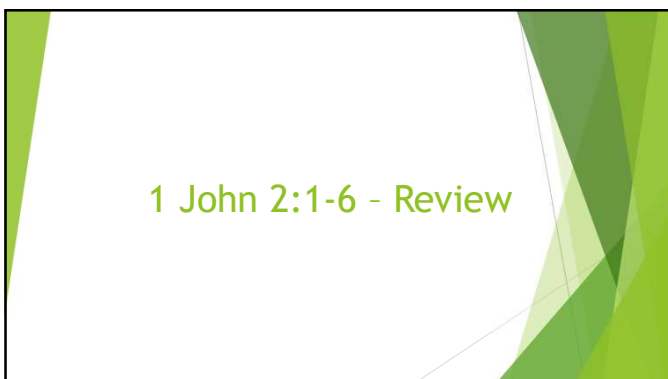


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1 John 2:7-11 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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► What is the old commandment that John is talking about?

► What does it mean that I am not writing a new commandment and yet I am writing a new commandment?

► What is the newness of the command?

1 John
2:7-11

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► What is the greatest barrier to knowing truth?

► What does it mean that darkness is passing away and the new light is shining?

► How do we know if we are in light or darkness?

► When is it most difficult to love fellow Christians?

1 John
2:7-11

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1 John 2:12-14 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

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- What does the fact that John writes to fathers, young men, and children tell us?
- Is the use of little children in verse 12 the same as the little children in verse 1?
- Why are we forgiven?
- What are the levels of Spiritual growth?

1 John
2:12-14

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- What does not change by Spiritual growth? ?
- How do we move through the levels of Spiritual maturity?
- Why do some people stall at the child level of Spiritual maturity?
- Where are you in you path to Spiritual maturity?

1 John
2:12-14

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Wrap Up

Further comments?
Closing prayer.

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