

1 John 2:1-14

1 John 2:1–14 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world. By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining. The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes. I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name’s sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been 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 evil one.

1. If we have _____ in Jesus Christ as our _____, we have experienced a significant _____ in our hearts.

1 Corinthians 6:19, 1 Peter 1:22–23, Galatians 2:20

2. Because of our “new birth,” we have a strong _____ to be _____ and _____ as Jesus is. **1 John 2:3-6, Philippians 2:13, Matthew 5:6**

3. We all _____ up, but we can be _____. **1 John 1:8–10, 1 John 2:1-3**

4. John is writing this letter to those he has influenced to become believers in Jesus to admonish them to _____. **1 John 2:1, 1 Timothy 6:11,**

2 Timothy 2:22, Titus 2:11–14, 1 Corinthians 15:34, John 5:14, John 8:11

5. John makes the pursuit of righteousness very _____; _____ one another. **1 John 2:8-11, John 13:34-35, John 15:12, John 15:17, Galatians 5:13-14, Romans 13:8-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

6. If we are born again, then we will be _____, and a key aspect of our _____ is that we will love others. **1 Peter 1:22-23, 1 John 3:10-11, 1 John 3:13-18, 1 John 4:7-8**

7. Having a growing _____ with God is a strong _____ of our heart. **Philippians 3:8**

8. We can only _____ God to the extent that He _____ Himself to us. **Psalm 27:8-9**

9. The _____ we love others, the _____ God will reveal Himself to us, and the _____ we will know Him. **1 John 4:11-12**

10. We ought never to be _____ with our _____ of love for others but press on to _____ stronger and stronger in our love. **2 Thessalonians 1:3**

11. A key component to an ever-growing love for each other is _____. **Philippians 1:9, Matthew 5:44-48**

12. Another key component to growing in love for each other is the _____ of _____ in us. **1 John 2:14, 1 John 2:11, 1 John 3:10-11**

13. Our desire to love others and the _____ to love others will be _____ in _____ by God. **1 Thessalonians 4:9**