

1 John 2:3-6 <sup>3</sup> *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup> But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. <sup>6</sup> He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

## 1. Introduction

- a. Saying, “Your talk talks, your walk talks, but your walk talks louder than you talk.”
- b. God wants Christians to know His love
  - i. Christian sealed to God by Holy Spirit  
*Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
  - ii. Christian can know that they have eternal life  
*1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*
- c. But Christians can sin grieving the Holy Spirit
  - i. But every Christian has an Advocate – Jesus Christ the Righteous (1 John 2:1)
  - ii. Jesus paid the price of sin for all (1 John 2:2)
- d. Christian can know that they are saved with several evidences

## 2. Evidence of Relationship with Jesus (verses 3-4)

- a. How do I know that I have Jesus?
- b. Encouraging evidence
  - i. Word know from Greek word “ginosko” to know personally
    - similar to Spanish verb conozco (I know)
  - ii. Inner certainty of knowing Jesus  
*Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*
  - iii. Walk with Jesus is a Christian experience in daily life

iv. Our Christian faith confirmed by outward obedience

- Holy Spirit gave further commands to the apostles

*Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

- Obedient to revealed Scripture

*Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

- Making disciples

*Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

- Loving one another

*John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

*John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

c. Evidence brings assurance to Christian's heart

d. Discouraging evidence

- i. Those who have a false testimony
- ii. Those who do not keep Christ's commands
- iii. False teacher with wrong doctrine or condemned lifestyle
- iv. Possibility of self-deception
- v. Judge your own life & inspect your doings

*Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

*1 Corinthians 11:28-29 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.*

vi. Warning to look into mirror of God's Word

*James 1:23-24 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.*

### 3. Earnestness of Relationship (verse 5)

- a. Desire for relationship with Jesus
- b. Perfected by God's Word (growth)

- i. Christian walk toward Jesus command & words

*1 Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;*

- ii. Continuing in God's Word
- iii. Desire to learn & grow

*James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

- c. . Perfected by God's love

- i. Staying in the presence of God's love

*1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

- ii. Growing maturity in God's love living for Jesus

*2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

### 4. Endurance of Relationship (verse 6)

- a. Abide in Christ

- i. Word abide in Greek "meno" meaning to remain
- ii. Those abiding in Christ remain in the faith

*John 15:1, 4<sup>1</sup> I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ...  
4<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

- Jesus is the vine – Christians not the vine
- Christians abide (remain) in the vine
- God produces the fruit
- Christian abiding is walking with endurance

- iii. Abiding in Christ is passing test of Christian obedience

b. Walk in Christ

- i. Christian walk to match Christian talk
- ii. Christian not to live reactionary life
- iii. Jesus' life on earth perfect pattern for living
- iv. Christians do not know all the "why's" of life or the future
- v. Acceptable to God for Christian to do well & live patiently (even if you suffer for it)

*1 Peter 2:20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.*

5. Conclusion

- a. Willful disobedience basis for questions
- b. There must be evidence of relationship with Jesus
- c. Christian to look for an earnest passion – fresh anointing of life