

1 Jn. 2:3-6

- I. Keeping His commands is a test of truly knowing Him (3-4)
 - A. Those who know Him keep His commands (3)
 - 1. This is how we know we have come to know Him (3a-b)
 - a By this we are knowing (3a)
 - b That we have come to know Him (3b)
 - 2. If we are keeping His commands (3c)
 - B. Illustration from two opposite possibilities (4-5b)
 - 1. Neg: Those who don't keep His commands don't know Him (4)
 - a Whoever claims to know Him, but does not obey Him (4a-c)
 - 1) Pos: Whoever claims to have come to know Him (4a-b)
 - a) The one saying that: (4a)
 - b) "I have come to know Him" (4b)
 - 2) Neg: And is not keeping His commands (4c)
 - b This one has not truly come to know Him (4d-e)
 - 1) This one is a liar (4d)
 - 2) And the truth is not in him (4e)
 - 2. Pos: Those who keep His commands are the accomplishment of God's love (5a-b)
 - a But whoever would keep His word (5a)
 - b The love of God has truly come to completion in this one (5b)
- II. Conformity to His lifestyle is a test of having come to know Him (5c-6)
 - A. This is how we know we are in Him (5c-d)
 - 1. By this we are knowing (5c)
 - 2. That we are in Him (5d)
 - B. Those who know & remain in Him conform to His lifestyle (6)
 - 1. The one claiming to remain in Him (6a)
 - 2. Should live in conformity with Christ's character (6b-c)
 - a This one ought also to live in this way (6b)
 - b Just like that One lived (6c)