

The Test of Essential Obedience

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel

1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 2:3-6

Sunday – March 23rd, 2025

CONTEXT: John writes a self-test to understand who is born of God, saved, and who is not. He continues to move through a section of holy Scripture dealing with Christians and their restored fellowship with God through Jesus Christ. We have seen that fellowship cannot exist if a person walks in darkness, meaning leading a double life practicing sin. We have also seen that Christians, although not slaves to sin, do sin and God has provided an advocate for restoration, our Lord Jesus. Now John moves discussing our obedience that is also required for fellowship with God. Those who love Christ and have been touched by His transforming grace will seek in every way to please Him in their life. The life of a Christian is a changed life.

Broad outline of the book of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)

- I. The Reality of the Person of Christ (1:1-4)
- II. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5-2:29)
 - A. The Conditions for Fellowship (1st John 1:5-2:14)
 1. Walking in the Light (1:5-7)
 2. Walking by confession (1:8-2:2)
 3. Walking in Obedience (2:3-6)

Key Words & Phrases

- know Him
- we know
- keep, keeps
- in Him
- commandments
- walk

Introduction:

3. Walking in Obedience (2:3-2:6)
 - a. Our Assurance (2:3)
 - Condition
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- Commandments
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- b. Our Assertion (2:4)
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- c. Our Affirmation (2:5-6)
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Conclusions:
