

# Our Love Test!

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel  
1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 2:7-11  
Sunday – April 6th, 2025

**CONTEXT:** Our Lord Jesus stated, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21). Consistent with this is John’s writing of 1 John. He is giving us a letter written for self-examination. John gives us the marks of true conversion. He has told us this is why he wrote this letter under inspiration (1 John 5:13). He has begun his letter discussing the restoration of fellowship with God which was lost by our first parents in Eden. He continues showing the components of that fellowship. Love is a key mark of every Christian. John is telling us that if God’s kind of love is not present in us, it is an indication that our salvation is yet not real. This letter with each of its described marks of salvation is essential for our understanding of what it means to be born again, and ultimately the reality of whether we are truly recipients of God’s great salvation. Our immediate text (1 John 2:7-11) addresses the necessity of love.

### Key Words

- commandment
- light
- darkness
- loves
- hates
- walks

**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)
    4. Walking in love (2:7-11)

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Walking in love (2:7-11)

##### a. The Authority (2:7-8)

- Expressed \_\_\_\_\_

- Exhibited \_\_\_\_\_

##### b. The Antithesis (2:9)

- Claimed \_\_\_\_\_

- Contradicted \_\_\_\_\_

##### c. The Associations (2:10-11)

- Loving and Light (2:10) \_\_\_\_\_

- Loathing and Darkness (2:11) \_\_\_\_\_

Closing: \_\_\_\_\_

