

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 12, 2023
1 John 2:3-14

1. How, according to 2:3, do we know that we have come to know Christ?
 - a. Because we have said a prayer to ask him into our heart.
 - b. Because we asked for forgiveness for what we have done.
 - c. Because we keep his commands.

2. What does 2:4 say about us if we say we know him but do not obey his commands? _____

3. What does 2:5 say about us when we obey Christ's word? _____

4. How, according to 2:6, do we live if we 'live in him?' _____

5. How are you living? _____

6. According to 2:7, Is this a new command or an old one? _____

7. In what ways is this not a new command?
 - a. God has always wanted us to live in right relationship with Him.
 - b. God has never been ok with people worshiping Him with their mouths while their hearts are far from him (Isaiah 29:13-16, Matthew 15:8-9).
 - c. God has always been concerned with hearts devoted to Him rather than simply following rules, but when people's hearts are devoted to God they live to please Him.

8. What is new about this command, according to 2:8 (see also Hebrews 7:18-19)?
 - a. The truth of this command can be seen in Jesus and in us.
 - b. Darkness is passing and true light is already shining.
 - c. The old command came without power, but this one comes with empowerment.

9. What does 2:9-11 say about hating a brother or sister?
 - a. Regardless of what you say about being in the light, if you hate a brother or sister, you are walking in darkness.
 - b. Love for a brother or sister is evidence that you walk in the light.
 - c. People who allow hate to remain are blinded and stumble around in darkness.

10. On what basis does John remind us about the importance of living as Jesus did, including loving our brothers and sisters, according to 2:12-14?
 - a. He orders us because we do well at following orders on our own.
 - b. He tells us about how we will be saved if we do these things.
 - c. He writes to us because we have already "been forgiven", "known him", "overcome the evil one", "know the Father", etc.
 - d. Knowing what Christ has done for us, he appeals to us that we would respond to what he is trying to do in us.

11. Do I need to respond to Jesus in a new way after hearing this? _____