

1 John 2:1-11 **Evidence of knowing Jesus Christ – Do not sin**

Purpose of Writing – **Do Not Sin**

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Evidence of Knowing Christ

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Old and New Commandment – Royal Commandment

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. 8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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Facts Revealed:

Purpose of Writing – **Do Not Sin** [1 John 2:1-2]

✠ My little children, these things I write to you, so **that you may not sin.**

- ✧ The goal for all Believers is to live their lives free of sin. [1 John 2:1, Matthew 5:27-30, 18:6-9, Mark 9:42-48, Romans 5:20—6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:34, Hebrews 12:1-2]
- ✧ If while attempting to live free of sin we find ourselves to have sinned, we have the glorious assurance that Jesus the Holy Righteous One is in Heaven with God the Father as our advocate.
- ✧ Through the Sacrifice of Himself on the Cross, Jesus is the propitiation (Atonement, compensation) for our sins and for the sins of the whole world.

Evidence of Knowing Christ [1 John 2:3-6]

✠ **Evidence that we know Jesus** is found in the fruit of our lives by the fact that we keep His Commandments

- ✧ Whoever claims to know Jesus but does not keep His commandments is a liar.
- ✧ Whoever obeys the commandments of Jesus demonstrates by his obedience that He does indeed know Christ and that the Love of God is perfected in him. [1 John 1:6, 2:5, Matthew 7:24-27, 28:20, John 14:15-18, 21-24]
- ✧ The same evidence demonstrates that we are **in Christ**.
- ✧ Whoever claims that he **abides in Christ** must demonstrate the truth by living a life in accordance to that of Jesus.
- ✧ Our best guide for proper living is to follow the example set by the Savior Himself.

Old and New Commandment – Royal Commandment [1 John 2:7-11]

✠ The New commandment of the Gospel is the Old commandment of the Law.

- ✧ God has not changed, what was right in the beginning is right today, what was wrong in the beginning is wrong today.
- ✧ That great commandment from the beginning is true in Christ Jesus and in believers today. [\[Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 19:19, 22:39, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27-28, Romans 13:8-10, Galatians 5:14, James 2:8\]](#)
- ✧ The darkness of ignorance is passing away and the true light of Christ is already shining.

- ✧ Whoever hates his brother is still in darkness.
- ✧ Whoever loves his brother is living in the light and will not stumble.
- ✧ Whoever remains in darkness does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
- ✧ Love one another with a pure heart. [\[1 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Peter 1:22\]](#)