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JOHN, THE APOSTLE OF LOVE
STUDIES IN THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

Week Five
KNOWING AND LOVING THE LORD

John reminds us that we have a Saviour Who paid for our past sin at salvation, but Who desires us to deal with the present sins so that our walk with God is in keeping with the Scripture.

1 John 2:3, "And _____ we do _____ that we know _____, if we _____ His commandments.

In almost every area of life there must be a leader and a follower. Parents and children, Teacher and students, Boss and workers. If the parent doesn't give guidelines, then the child (etc.) won't be able to perform properly.

Here in 1 John we have a Saviour Who gives us specific instructions in the Scriptures to follow. First, He puts them in the negative sense. 1 John 2:4, "He that _____ that I _____ Him and _____ not his _____, is _____ a _____, and the _____ is not in _____. So if we say "I love you for dying on the cross, but then disobey His teachings in the Bible, we are not being truthful and cannot be fruitful.

John had addressed that earlier in his Gospel. John 14:15, "If you _____, keep _____.

You can know someone without loving them. John, who is the Apostle of Love reminds us that as Christians we should love Him and keep his commandments, His words (vs. 23) and his sayings (24)

Am I walking in the light? Do I really love Christ? Am I seeking to follow his words in 1 John 2 as well as in John 14:15,23,24? John learned from Christ. See what Christ said that teaches us that truth in John 15:9 and 10.

Vs. 9 - "As the Father _____ hath _____ me, so have I _____ you: _____ ye in my _____.

Vs. 10 - "If you _____ my commandments, you shall _____ in my _____, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and _____ in His _____.