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1 Jn 2:4 </W> Paul was writing to combat gnosticism (knowing him through head knowledge) which is the same as how Christianity believes
</W> they do not keep His commandments and the truth is not in them. Verse 15 is one of His commands. Why did Paul write this letter? So we could know that we have eternal life. 1 Jn 5:13; 3:14
</W> spells it out </W> we know we have eternal life because we love the brethren. If we don't we are abiding in death. Christianity is judged by this
</W> they know if they are keeping His word or not. Verse 3:23 </W> He commanded us to love as He loved, to lay down our lives for the brethren just as He laid down His life for us (Jn 3:16). Yahshua commanded John to love as He loved and John commanded the
Church to love this way also (Jn 13:34).<:H<*->
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When you go out to the nations, teach them to obey His commands. Jn 13:34
</W> If we don't love this way we haven't passed out of death and into life. Jn 3:36
</W> We must believe and <+#>obey<-#> </W> not just say we love Him, but love with our actions. If we don't we will experience His wrath.

In Christianity some won't be convicted when they see the life because the enemy has them in a stupor. They say, "I love", but they don't see their brother daily. We have the opportunity to encourage our brothers daily, helping them in their time of need, s
peaking words of love.

When our obedience is complete our Master will return and all disobedience will be punished. 1 Cor 4:5
</W> He will judge the motives of men's hearts. We who have white robes will be taken up with Him and then He will pour out wrath and indignation on the nations. First our obedience must be totally complete. Then He will pour out wrath on those who don't be
lieve and obey the gospel (2 Thes 1:8).

<:#3423,9360>Unless we're a disciple and know these things we aren't saved and we won't be able to communicate this to others. Take this to heart
</W> become a <+#>true<-#> disciple. The zeal of His house consumes you. That's what our Master said. He loved and we have the same Spirit He has, so we love and walk the way He did. 1 Jn 2:6. What keeps us from living in the flesh? Do we have the power to
crucify the flesh? Yes, we are judged according to how we use our will. The <+#>will<-#> decides whether to give our life over to Messiah or to live for ourse