

## The New Commandment 2

Every Christian says this, "Show me the commandments that I am not obeying and I will repent and admit that I am a liar and the truth is not in me. This would prove that I do not know the Son of God."

John 14:15, 15:10 — To have love for God is to obey His commandments, John 14:21-24. So let us be very explicit — what are the commands that Christians do not obey? 1 John 2:7,8 — the new commandment — John 13:34. Here John shows Christians / Gnostics where they prove to be liars, that they do not know God (John 13:34,35; 15:12,13).

The New Commandment — 1 John 2:7,8. Messiah has made this true and it must be true in our own experience. 1 John 2:8 — The truth of this commandment is seen in Him and in you. If it is not seen in you then you are not a disciple, John 13:35. If you claim to be a disciple and to know Him and are not obeying this one commandment, it exposes you as false and pretentious. As 1 John 2:9 says, hating your brother is ignoring your brother and his needs — 1 John 3:14-17 — it is not laying down your life for your brother — 1 John 3:17-24.

Christian — "What makes you so sure that I do not obey this new commandment?" The answer is, because the fruit of this loving as He loved is not evident in Christian churches. John 17:21-23 is the test if these are truly churches of God.

Christian — "You are declaring me guilty by association. How do you know I'm not loving as He loved? You're judging me and Jesus said you should not judge or you will be judged." The word hates in 1 John 2:9 does not refer to an emotion. Hate and love are moral qualities, not emotions especially, but attitudes expressed in actions (1 John 3:15,16). We either love or hate by loving or not loving, as 1 John 3:17 expresses hatred. This hatred can be covered over by lying and pretense, or by saying that you did not notice your brother in need, even if you perchance just happen to see a Christian during the week who seemed to be in need.

Acts 4:32-35 (Deut 15:4) — All on Sunday morning wearing their hand me down suits from their rich uncles or brothers-in-law. Even the needy cover their need, afraid someone will

look down on them. They do their best to look prosperous, give their tithes and offerings if it kills them — or makes their family starve — they put it in an envelope and write their name on it so the official of the church will know that they gave their 10% and a little offering to boot. But their 10% exposes their small income — so they give more to keep from being looked down on.