

Intro

Given a task that is simply too big for us to do without any guidance.

Tying your shoe instructions

Nurses are trained to warn you when they are about to stick a needle in your arm.

Exp

Today we are going to stick a needle in your arm. Thankfully John gives us a few things leading up to this portion and there are some instructions given ahead of time.

1. Talked about joy and how giving out what God has given us is a real source of joy.
2. We talked about walking in the light and not in the darkness.
3. We talked about all of us are sinners and if we claim to be without sin we are deceived.
4. Then we talked about Jesus being the atoning sacrifice.
 - a. We need that for what we are about to discuss. Because as we discuss this you should come to the conclusion that this is too big for you and while it is your job to work on it, you are going to need the atoning sacrifice.

PS. We are Family

READ 1 John 2:3-11

Love and Hatred for Fellow Believers

³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God^[a] is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister^[b] is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister^[c] lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

- I. How do we know if WE are saved
 - a. Not They – they is between them and God and you aren't the judge HE is.
 - i. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling
 1. Why fear and trembling?
 - we just don't have the wisdom to judge it even in ourselves but hear is a test/..
 - b. We obey his commands.
 - i. Not most, not more than the person next to you. – all of them.
 - ii. Jesus in Jn 14:15 – “If you love me keep my commandments.”
 - iii. In my house there are rules – not a lot but some.
 1. Biggest rule is do what I say.
 - iv. Lack of obedience to the leader demonstrates rebellion
 1. If Jesus is the the Lord of our life and this is the word of God, we must do what it says. Even if it causes discomfort.

2. It is impossible to follow Him and disregard what He says.
- v. If we obey, Gods love is made complete
 1. 2 greatest commandments Dt 6:5, Lev 19:18.
 2. ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet,"^[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^[b] ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law
- vi. This is how we know we are in in him – if we love – not they – we as individuals
- vii. Walk as jesus did – Phil 2.

- II. Not New, but Old.
- a. We already talked about OT commands
 - b. Here is the difference – Christ is in you and he is all about love.
 - c. Passing darkness increasing light – progress.
 - d. Hate – lack of love.

- III. The real test
- a. Hate brother (lack of love) is still in the dark

- b. Loves there is nothing to make him stumble
 - i. Alone you will fail
 - ii. Whr bor there is more.

Conclusion:

This is an opportunity to self examination

It is your behavior... not thers.