

That You May Know

Finding and following Jesus in
John's letters




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3 This is how we are sure that we have known him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Anyone who says, 'I know him', but doesn't keep his commandments, is a liar. People like that have no truth in them. 5 But if anyone keeps his word, God's love is truly made complete in such a person. This is how we are sure that we are in him: 6 anyone who says, 'I abide in him', ought to behave in the same way that he behaved.




7 My beloved ones, I am not writing a new command to you, but an old command which you have had from the very beginning. The old command is the word which you heard. 8 Again, however, I am writing a new command to you: it is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 Anyone who says, 'I am in the light', while hating another family member, is still in darkness up to this very moment.



1 John
2:3-14
(NTE)

10 Anyone who loves another family member abides in the light, and there is no cause of offence in such a person.

11 Anyone who hates another family member is in the darkness, and walks about in the darkness. Such people have no idea where they are going, because the darkness has blinded their eyes.



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12 I am writing to you, children,
because your sins are forgiven
through his name.


13 I am writing to you, fathers,
because you have known the one who is
from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young people,
because you have conquered
the evil one.

14 I have written to you, children,
because you have known the father.

I have written to you, fathers,
because you have known the one who is
from the beginning.

I have written to you, young people,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have conquered the evil one.



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“The more surely you know
yourself love, the easier you
will find to love in return.”

St Bernard of Clairvaux (12c.)
(On Loving God)

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2:3



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“For there are some who maliciously and deceitfully are accustomed to carry about the Name while doing other things unworthy of God.”

“So you are all fellow pilgrims... adorned in every respect with the commandments of Jesus Christ.”

St Ignatius of Antioch (2c.)
(Letter to the Ephesians)



2:9-10

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“We might think that God wanted simply obedience to a set of rules; whereas He really wants people of a particular sort.”

C.S. Lewis

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