"The New Commandment!" I John 2:1-11 Ruling Elder Kevin Plummer March 17, 2024

Introduction: John heard Christ's teaching in the upper room - John 14:21 / 1 John 2:5 & 5:3

- I. Love and law Romans 7:22 & 13:8-10 / 1 Timothy 1:5
- II. The old commandment is the word you have heard (2:7) Leviticus 19:9-18; Matthew 7:12
 - a. God doesn't need you Psalm 50:10-12 / Hebrews 6:11
- III. The new commandment is true in him and in you 2:8 / John 1:4-9 / 2 Peter 1:19-21
 - a. A new standard John 13:34 / 1 John 3:16-18 / 3:1-3 (Revelation 3:19 / Matthew 18); John 13:1
 - b. Not a new commandment? 2:7 (Matthew 5:17)
 - c. Same rule given in a different way Ephesians 5:2, 25, 28
- IV. The only safe path John 8:29 / 1 John 2:10 & 1:7 / Gal. 5:22-23 / Romans 13:8-10 / 1 Cor. 12:25, 26
- V. Who is my neighbor? Luke 10:25ff
- VI. Love your enemies Matthew 5:44-48 & 10:34-36 / Romans 12:19-20 / Matthew 25:34-40
- VII. An important ingredient in successful evangelism Matthew 5:14-16 / Acts 2:44-46 / John 13:35
- VIII. Don't try this on your own John 15:5 / Philippians 4:13

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