



SERMONS



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Title: The Renewed Commandment

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The renewed (*kainos*) commandment

Change your name , or change your conduct: Alexander the Great.

A) What is the message for the church today

Message: Angelia: Proclamation or Commandment

A) **1Jn 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (Not doctrine, not church, the message)**

ἄγαπᾷ ἀλλήλους (ag-ap-ah'-o/ [H5689]); to love (in a social or moral sense) : - (be-) love (-ed). Compare G5368.

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

B) Love is expressed in different levels of maturity

1Jn 2:7 Brethren, I write **no new** commandment unto you, but **an old commandment** which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. 1Jn 2:8 Again, a **new** commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. 1Jn 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 1Jn 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1Jn 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. 1Jn 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 1Jn 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. 1Jn 2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you,



young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **1Jn 2:16** For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. **1Jn 2:18** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. **1Jn 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

C) 4 Stages of Christian growth experience

1. Gr: Teknia , Infants , new born verse 12
2. Gr: Paidia, little children , those that are able to walk and talk (verse 13)
3. Gr: Neaniskoi:, young men , those that have grown , and overcame the evil one (verse 13)
4. Gr: Paters: Fathers, those that are mature in the Lord , they know the Father (Verse 13)

4 Different types of LOVE

- Storge: Affectionate , brotherly love
- Philia: Friendship Love
- Eros: Romantic
- Agape: Unconditional love

1 Cor 13 vs. 1-

D) Love is connected with your eternal reward

2 JOHN 1VS 8: Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

It is possible to get a full reward, but it is also possible not to get your full reward

Mat 10:41 He **that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.**

Mat 10:42 **And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.**

Math 10 speaks of 3 Rewards

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1. The prophets reward Math 10 vs. 41
2. The righteous man reward:
3. The baby reward (DESCIPLES reward)

The way we connect the worship to God is how we honour these 3 levels

Luke 10vs 27 and Mathew 10vs 41 tackles the issue of worship from different angles.
we love the Lord?

HOW Shall

With all of your heart (sq)	All your inward affections
With all of your soul (eq)	All of your consciousness
With all of your mind (iq)	All of your intellect , the way you think
With all of your strength (pq)	That which you perform
Neighbour as yourself	Those that is in your oikos and cosmos
Yourself	Who you are ,past , present , and future

E) Our Love is expressed by what we do and who we love

Some key points in Luke and the Samaritan

What is the key to eternal life?

Answer: In verse 27, LOVE the Lord your God, Love your neighbor as yourself

Verse 28: IF you do this, you will live! , IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, You must love!

- Love and Life and Eternal Life are interconnected!
- **Mc i k c b D h \ U j Y Y h Y f b U ' '] Z Y k] h \ c i h ' ' c j] b [']**

Priest: Saw, and passed the other way (Jericho was a priestly city, 12000 priests,

Levite: looked, and passed the other way (Religious man, did not want to be polluted)

Samaritan: saw him, had compassion on him, went to him, bound him up

, poured, oil: soothing and healing and wine: antiseptic.

Some Samaritans in action

- John Lennon , brought , President Nixon
- Nelson Mandela: Forgive them after 27 years



- Bono : Spends his time and money feeding the poor
- Christians ? What do you do ?

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