

Week Three. 1 John: 2:3 – 2:27.

In week two, we examined three false claims and corrections. In this section (2:3 - 2:27) John introduces two positive assurances; (“we know”) and three tests (the moral test [v 2:3-6], the love or social test [2:7-11], and the belief or doctrinal test [2:18-27])

1. How can we be assured that we know him (God)? [1st test] 2:3-6
2. How is love of God perfected? [2nd test] 2:7-11
3. How is the “old commandment that you had from the beginning” (2:7) at the same time a “new commandment” (2:8)? Read John 13:34.
4. What does; “Do not love the world or the things in the world” (2:15) mean?
5. 2:18 through 2:27 describes a heresy and the safeguard against it. What is the heresy and the safeguard? [3rd test]

Discussion: The message of verses 2:3 – 2:27