

**NOTES: 1 John | Walk in Love**  
**Compelled Church June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

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**1 John 2:7-11**

*<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. <sup>8</sup> Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.*

*<sup>9</sup> If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer,<sup>[a]</sup> that person is still living in darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves a fellow believer<sup>[b]</sup> is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.*

It's been a struggle since the beginning to walk in love.

Love agape – Love that is from God because it is God. It is unconditional, sacrificial, self-giving, willful devotion and concern with others over self.

To **love** is to live in **light**.

To **hate** is to live in **darkness**.

**How do we walk in Love?**

**We walk in love by Following Christ**

1 John 2:1-6, 1 John 3:1-6

**We walk in love by loving as Christ loves**

1 John 4:7-12, 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

*<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. “Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So, Matthew got up and followed him.*

The love of God is no weapon it is a shelter.

*Dear friends, let us continue to love on another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)*

**Sermon Discussion Questions: 1 John | Walk in Love**  
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1. Why is walking in love so difficult at times?
2. Why does the author of 1 John connect hate to darkness and love to the light?

Read 1 John 2:9-11 <sup>9</sup> If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer,<sup>[a]</sup> that person is still living in darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves a fellow believer<sup>[b]</sup> is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

3. Have you ever experienced darkness because of hate? How did love get you into the light?
4. In John 14:15 Jesus says “if you love me, you will keep and obey my commandments” Why is obeying and following Christ connected to us walking in Love?
5. Summarize the love of Jesus. If you love like Christ we are walking in love. How can be people of love like Christ?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

6. Keeping Paul’s words and truth spoken about agape love in mind. What areas do you need to work on when it comes to loving your Christian brothers and sisters?
7. 1 John 4:12 says “No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.” Why does loving one another cause God’s love to be brought to full expression?