

A person is sitting on a wooden bench, reading a book. The person is wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans. The scene is framed by a film strip border at the top and bottom. The entire image has a green tint. The text 'a changed life' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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1 John 2:3-11

A person is sitting on a wooden pier or dock, holding a book. The background shows a body of water and a bright sky. The image has a yellowish-green tint and is framed by a film strip border.

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1 John 2:3-11

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.



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⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.



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⁸ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.



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1 John 2:3-11

¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1. The Principle of Change

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

Often, though, when we say we "know" someone, we mean that we have met that person or know about that person, but we do not really know that person in depth.

We say that we know the Lord Jesus, but John challenges that. On what level do we know Him?

1. The Principle of Change

³ *Now by this we know that we **know** Him,
if we keep His commandments.*

**We must know Jesus for us to be
changed.**

These “Gnostic” (know-gnosis**)
proponents said, change came through
“mystical insights” or by a “direct vision
of God.**

NO! Change comes through obedience.




2. The Promise of Change

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

The term “made complete” (*teleioō*) carries with it the idea of continuous growth and development. It describes both state and process.

As obedience is practiced, so also God’s love matures in us. We change.



3. The Practice of Change

⁶ *He who says he **abides** in Him **ought** himself also to **walk** just as He walked.*

(Walk (*peripatein*) means to keep on walking; to continuously walk.

If a person says that he **abides** (*menein*) in Christ, he ought to walk as Jesus Christ walked.

In fact, the word **ought** (*opheilo*) means debt, constraint, obligation.



4. The Fellowship of Change

¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

John is saying that the one who loves and abides in the light will never cause the offense that those in the dark do.

With no stumbling or offense, then fellowship is good with one another.

A person is sitting on a wooden bench outdoors, likely near a body of water. They are wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans. They are holding a book or a tablet in their hands. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor setting with water and a distant shore. The entire image is framed by a film strip border with yellow sprocket holes.

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Do we live the changed Life?

Luke 10:27 (NKJV)

27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "