

MS106-11 Answers (1 John 2:7-2:17)

Read 1 John 2:7-11

1) The new-old command that John's readers had heard from the beginning is that since Jesus has loved us we must love one another. (2:7-8) (note John 13:34-35)

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

2) Jesus is the true light that is already shining and as we live surrendered and obedient lives to Him, His light shines through us. (2:8) (note John 8:12)

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

3) John said that anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

1 John (2:9)

4) John said that anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. (2:10)

5) Whereas the "brother [who] lives in the light" has "nothing in him to make him stumble" it is obvious that the one who "walks around in the darkness" does have something in him that will make him stumble. Hate and not forgiving our brothers and sisters is the stumbling block that can cause us to walk in darkness.(2:10-11)

6) The one who hates his brother does not know where he is going because they are in the darkness and walk around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. (2:11)

Read 1 John 2:12-14

7) In John's mind, the three broad groupings that his readers fell into were; Children, Fathers, and Young men.

8) John wrote to his "dear children", because their sins have been forgiven on account of his name, and they know the Father. (2:12-14)

9) John wrote to the "fathers", because they had known him who is from the beginning. (2:13-14)

10) John wrote to the "young men", because they had overcome the evil one. (2:13-14)

11) John calls the “young men” strong, because the word of God lived in them, and they had overcome the evil one. (2:14).

Read 1 John 2:15-17

12) John’s specific command in 2:15 is, “Do not love the world or anything in the world”.

13) If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. (2:15)

14) John said not to love this world, because everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--comes not from the Father but from the world. (2:16-17)

(Satan is the prince of this world)

15) The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (2:17)