

First John 2:7-11

- 1) Contrast between old and new—2:7-8
  - a) Old commandment—2:7
    - i) Negatively—*I am not writing* [pres. act. ind. γράφω] *a new kind of* [καινός] *commandment* [ἐντολή] *to you*<sup>pl</sup>,
    - ii) Positively—referring to loving one another
      - (1) *but* [ἀλλά] *an old* [παλαιός] *commandment* [ἐντολή] *that you have had* [impf. act. ind. ἔχω] *from* [ἀπό] *the beginning* [ἀρχή].
      - (2) *The old* [παλαιός] *commandment* [ἐντολή] *is the word* [λόγος] *that you*<sup>pl</sup> *have heard* [aor. act. ind. ἀκούω] *from* [ἀπό] *the beginning* [ἀρχή] (of your Christian life).
  - b) New commandment—2:8
    - i) <sup>8</sup> *On the other hand* [πάλιν], *I am writing* [pres. act. ind. γράφω] *a new kind of* [καινός] *commandment* [ἐντολή] *to you*<sup>pl</sup>,
      - (1) *which* (newness) *is genuine* [ἀληθής] *in Him* (Christ) *and in you*<sup>pl</sup>,
        - (a) Why? *because* [ὅτι] ...
          - (i) *the darkness is being made to disappear* [pres. dep. ind. παράγω]
          - (ii) *and the genuine* [ἀληθινός] *light is already shining* [pres. act. ind. φαίνω] (as believers love one another the darkness is dispelled).
- 2) Contrast between spiritual light/life and spiritual darkness/death—2:9-11 (cf. 1:6-7; Titus 3:3)
  - a) False profession of salvation marked by hatred and sin—2:9 <sup>9</sup> *The one characterized by saying* [pres. act. ptc. λέγω] *he is in* [pres. act. inf. εἰμί] *the light and yet is characterized by hating* [pres. act. ptc. μισέω] *his brother is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *in the darkness until now.*
  - b) Genuine possession of salvation marked by love and holiness—2:10 <sup>10</sup> *The one who is characterized by loving* [pres. act. ptc. ἀγαπάω] *his brother ...*
    - i) Consistently lives in the light—*is residing* [pres. act. ind. μένω] *in the light*
    - ii) Consistently lives in a holy manner—*and there is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *no enticement to sin* [σκάνδαλον] *in him.*
  - c) Lack of salvation marked by:—2:11
    - i) Hatred of others—<sup>11</sup> *But* [δέ] *the one who is characterized by hating* [pres. act. ptc. μισέω] *his brother*
    - ii) Habitually living in spiritual darkness—
      - (1) *is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *in the darkness*
      - (2) *and in the darkness* (emphatic) *he is walking about* [pres. act. ind. περιπατέω]
    - iii) Spiritual ignorance caused by spiritual blindness—*and he does not know* [pf. act. ind. εἰδῶ] *where he is going* [pres. act. ind. ὑπάγω]
      - (1) Why? *because* [ὅτι] *the darkness* (in which he habitually lives) *has blinded* [aor. act. ind. τυφλόω] *his eyes.*