



Walking in the Light is Walking in Love

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. I John 2:7-11

Beloved! Here's a recap of our Advent focus:

God gave you a **promise** of light. *Isaiah 9*

God sent his Son to fulfill that promise of light. *John 1*

Our message to the world is that **Jesus** is the light of the world. *I Corinthians 4*

Our hope is to live forever in the presence of that **light**. *Revelation 21-22*

That **old** commandment—do you remember?

It is now a **new** commandment.

It is the way of life for all who are **walking** in the light.

Incompatible: walking in the light and **hatred**.

Truly compatible: walking in the light and **love**.

This makes perfect sense because **God** is love! *I John 4:8*

In a world marred by deeply held hatred, Christians must **stand out** from the crowd.

After all, Jesus said, "Love your **enemies**." *Matthew 5:43*

Our **daily task**: to be filled with LIGHT so that we can walk in LOVE.

Some practical help...

2019: A year of light and love!