



#2 Confident You Know God 1 John 2:3-2:27 (ESV)

1 John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

John Provides Two Tests Of Assurance That We Are In The Family Of God

1. The first test of our salvation is **OBEDIENCE**.
 - a. God wants us to **KNOW SOMETHING**.
 - We can know **GOD**.
 - We can know **THAT WE KNOW GOD**.
 - We can know **OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDMENTS IS EVIDENCE WE KNOW GOD**.
 - b. What **COMMANDMENTS** are we to keep?
 - c. Obedience illustrates a **MATURE LOVE** for God.

2. The second test of our salvation is **LOVE**.
 - a. The Greek words for love:
 - **EROS** – means **EROTIC** love
 - **PHILEO** – means **BROTHERLY OR FRIENDSHIP** love
 - **AGAPE** – means **UNCONDITIONAL OR ACTION** love

This Is God's Nature And Character – God Is Love: **AGAPE**.

- b. Love the **NEW COMMANDMENT**.
- c. Love is important because it motivates **OBEDIENCE**.
- d. Loving fellow believers is **WALKING IN THE LIGHT**.

What's The Best Response To These Two Tests?

1. Do not **LOVE** the world.
2. Do not **DECORATE** your cell!
3. Instead of running to **THE WORLD**, run to **JESUS**.

***What's your direction?
Are you living a life that is heading toward Jesus
or away from Jesus?***