

CERTAIN ETERNITY



THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

Transformed by Love // God for His Son

John 5:20 “For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.”



Transformed by Love // Son's Love for his Father

John 14:31 “but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father....”,

John 15:10 “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.”



Transformed by Love // Jesus loves us

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”



Light and Glory

Light and Life

Light and Truth

Light and Confession

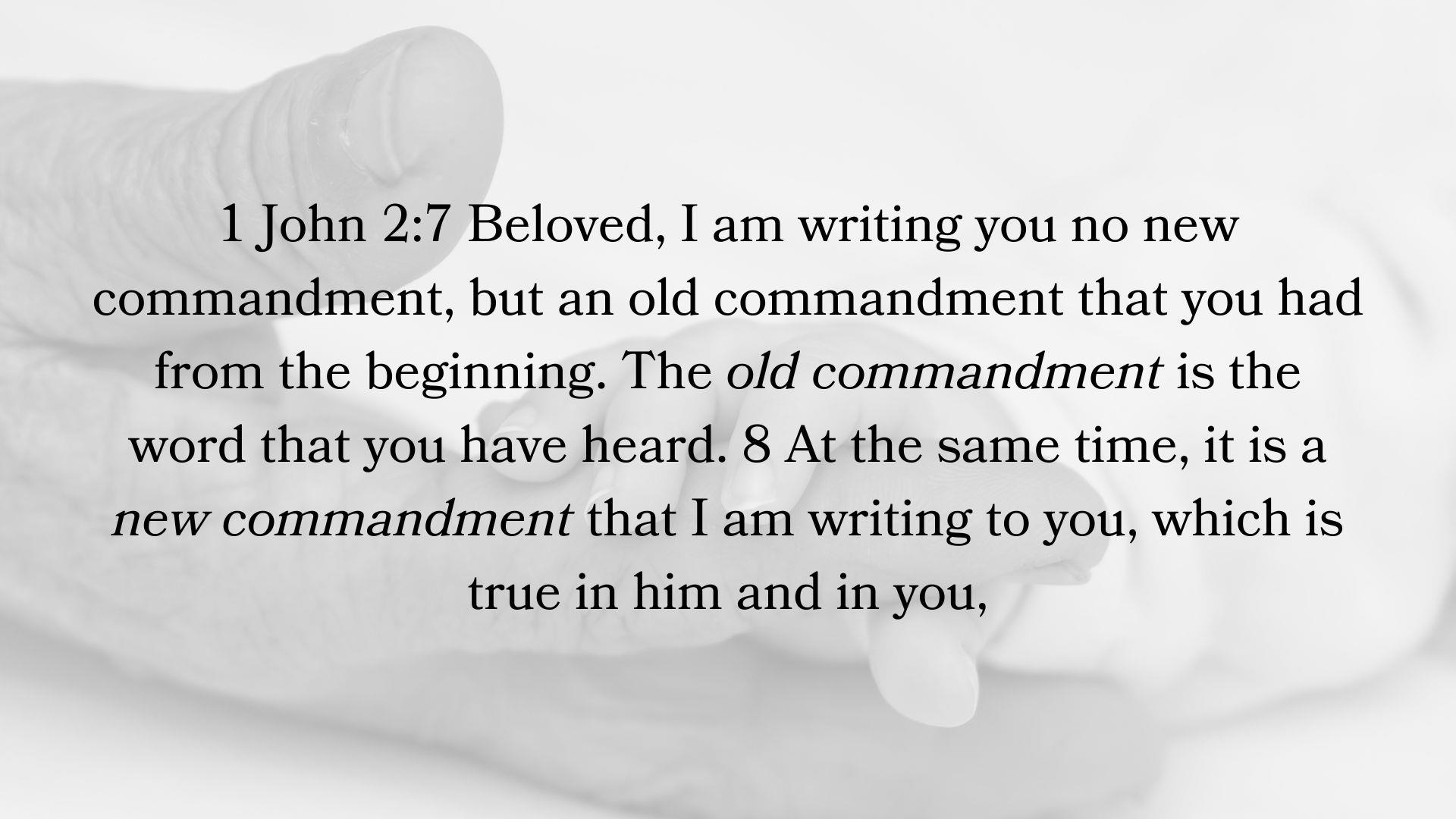
Light and Love

John 2:7-11 “7 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. 8 At 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. 9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But 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.”



A black and white photograph showing a close-up of an elderly hand with deeply wrinkled skin holding a baby's hand. The baby's hand is smaller and smoother, with visible fingernails. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white fabric.

Jesus Transforms Old Into New



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Matthew 22:37-40 “And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”” (see also Luke 10:27-28)

Deuteronomy 6:5 “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Leviticus 19:17-18 “17 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”



THE NEW COMMANDMENT

John 13:34-35 “34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 15:12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”



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Luke 23:34

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Mt 5:43-48, Lk
6:27-36, Jn 13:1**

Jesus Transforms Darkness Into Light

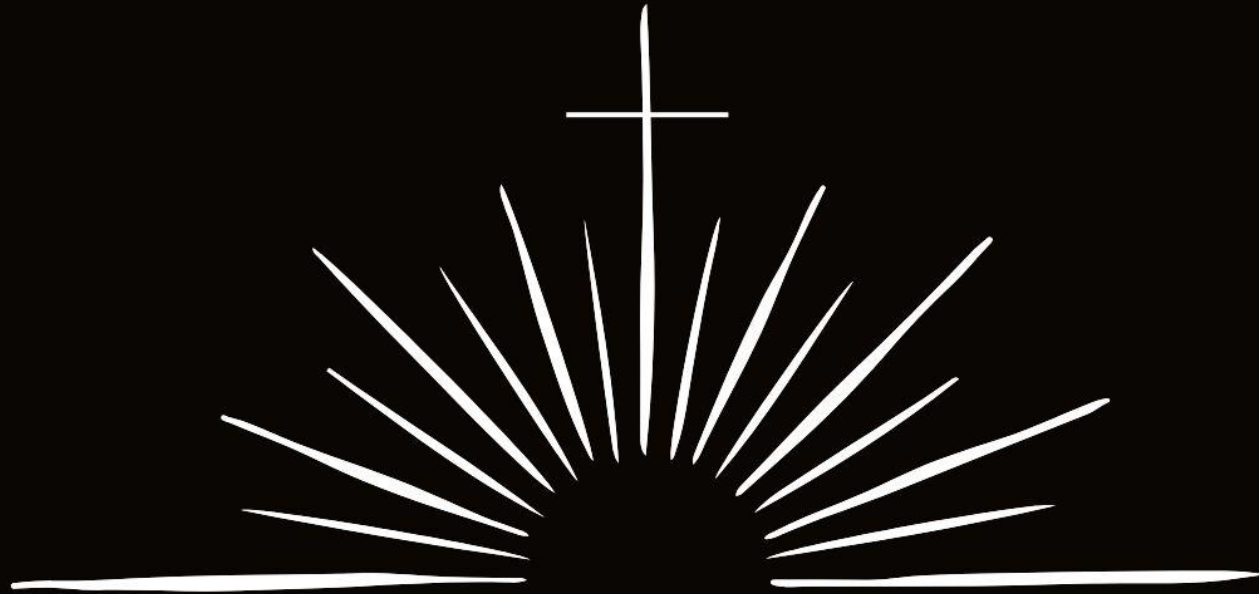


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“Shining”

(Gk. *phainō*) – to bring forth into view or make seen with resplendent light

phainō is the source of our English word ***epiphany*** – the proverbial “light bulb” moment when something clicks into focus and clarity and we understand or perceive a new insight



SHINE

Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

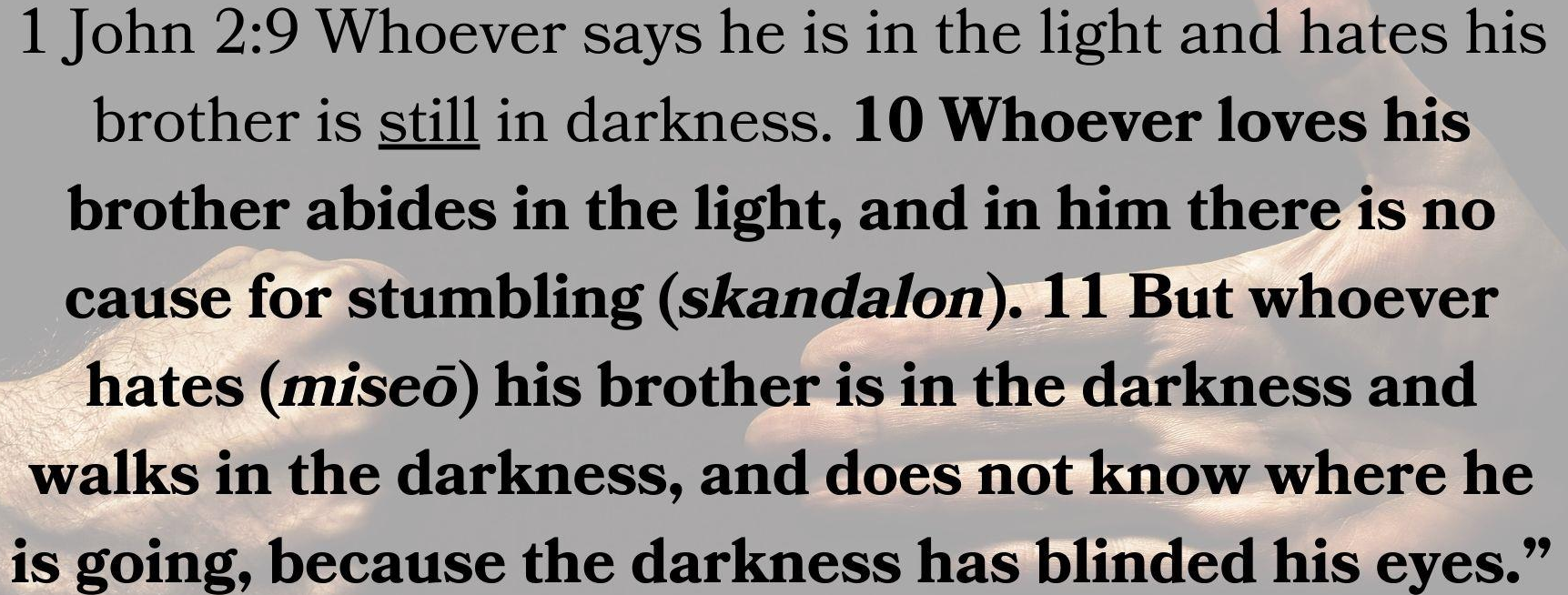
Philippians 2:14-16 “14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life....”

C. H. Spurgeon “I would not give much for your religion unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine.”



Jesus Transforms Hatred Into Love





1 John 2:9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. **10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling (*skandalon*). 11 But whoever hates (*miseō*) 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.”**

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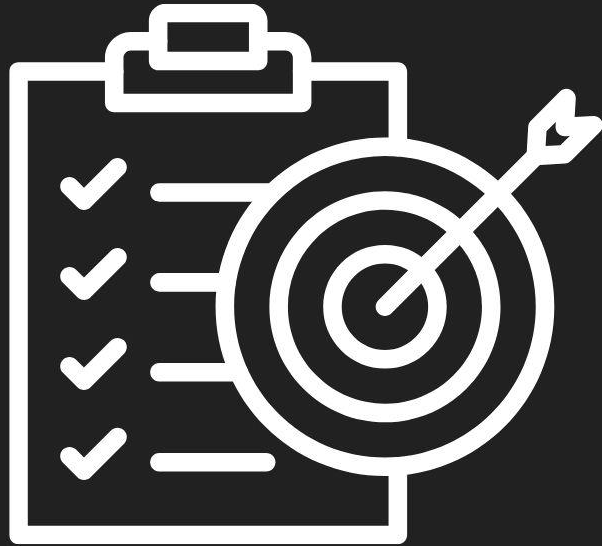
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GOAL:

**Know and Live
A Certain Eternity**

(Over 30 evidences of a transformed heart!)

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