

THE TRUE LIGHT IS ALREADY SHINING

1 John 2:1-14

Key Verse: 2:8

1. What is the purpose of John's writing (1a)? Why might this clarification be necessary? What should we do if we sin (1b)? Why do we need an advocate? How is Jesus qualified as the advocate and for whom (2)?
2. What is the evidence that one truly knows God (3-6)? What is the serious consequence of not obeying God's word and what blessing does obedience bring?
3. What is the old command and why is it old (7)? What is the new command (Jn 13:34)? In what respect is John writing a new command (8)? What does it mean that the true light is already shining?
4. What contrasts those who live in the darkness and those who live in the light (9-11)? Why is loving brothers and sisters so important?
5. What specific groups of people does John address in verses 12-14? What assurance do his words give them? Why is this assurance so vital? How does this encourage obedience to God and loving one another?