

Remember Your Purpose
1 John 2:7-11



Do You Remember?

- **1 John 2:7** - 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.

Remember The Commands

- **Leviticus 19:18** - 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.
- **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.”

Never Forget Our Legacy at Oakland

- **Hosea 4:6** - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...
- We have a long legacy of love, fellowship, and service at the Oakland Church of Christ.
- It is a legacy of love and unity that has driven out fear and division for over 60 years.

True Light Shining

- **1 John 2:8** - 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.

Blinding People From Seeing the Light of the Gospel and Glory of Christ

- **2 Corinthians 4:4** - ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

We Must Be the Light

- We at Oakland must be the light just as Jesus was the light.
- **John 8:12** - ¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- **John 12:46** - ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

You Are the Light of the World

- **Matthew 5:14-16** - ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- **John 13:35** - ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Love vs Hate – Light vs Darkness

- **1 John 2:9** - ⁹Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

Step into the Light – Shine for Jesus

- Let us step into the Light – where the world can see plainly our love for Jesus.
- **John 3:19-21** - ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Don't Stumble – Love and Light

- **1 John 2:10** - ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

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Our Testimony of Faith for Jesus

- **Romans 12:9-13** - ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality

Darkness Blinds Your Eyes

- **1 John 2:11** - ¹ 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.

Encourage – Not Discourage

- Let us encourage one another to drive out worldly biases that bring division into the church.
- **2 Corinthians 13:11** - ¹¹ Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
- **Hebrews 3:13** - ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

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Never Forget the Legacy of Faith of the Oakland Church

- **Hebrews 12:1-2** - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.