

1 John - Week 2: A Love That Abides

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Text: 1 John 2:2–27

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Big Idea: True love for God obeys Christ, abides in Him, and rejects the world.

I. Abiding shapes our obedience (vv. 2-14)

A. Knowing Jesus shows up in how we live, not just what we believe.

II. Abiding in Christ and rejecting the world (vv. 15–24)

III. Love abides confidently through the Holy Spirit (vv. 25-29)

When we abide in Christ, we are marked by obedience, grows in maturity, rejects the world's pull, abides in truth, and lives confidently through the Spirit without shame.

LIFEgroup Questions

1. *Optional Icebreaker Question:* What's your go-to comfort food after a long week?
2. How do you personally tend to separate "knowing God" from obedience, and what does this passage challenge in that mindset?
3. Which stage do you most identify with right now—child, young adult, or mature believer—and why? Read verses 12-14.
4. What are some subtle ways "the world" competes for your affection or loyalty today? Or not so subtle?
5. How can we practically test teachings, influences, or voices in our lives against the truth of Christ?
6. If Jesus came back right now, would you be excited & cheer, or shrink away ashamed of your life & short comings.
 - What would it look like for you to live more confidently and without shame because the Holy Spirit abides in you?