

The Plumbline

Scriptures to use for Searching your Soul

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

It seems we have failed to understand the Word of God. So many say we are to love the world, and, in doing so, we find it is being taught to love the world is to follow them in what they are doing so you will be acceptable – and one day, uh, maybe, one day, you will lead someone to Jesus Christ, to repent of their sins, and ask Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior, to live a life of holiness in the Lord.

Perhaps loving your enemies is more than some want to hear; it is loving the Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, loving the brethren, those who have truly turned their lives over to the Lord Jesus Christ, is to live for Him. Perhaps it is putting aside envy, dislike, and other ways of going against the brethren – that the world shall know the love of God in Christ Jesus that will draw them to the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps it is your love for the Lord through living a life of holiness that will reveal to your enemies a love they have never known.

Plumbline: John 13.34, 35

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Having written the *Message*, let us look deeper into the Word about this New Commandment mentioned in the Gospel of John as well as in I John 2 and II John 1.

In II John, it is writing that this commandment was from the beginning that we love one another, love the brethren.

John's Gospel is written in the understanding of the body of Christ, those of the same family, fellow disciples with each other. We are to pray one for another, bearing one another's burdens, forgiving and forbearing one another, edifying each other with admonition when needed that we shall be built up in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and holiness unto the Lord. Love one another is to love the brethren.

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him (I Jn 2.8-10).

And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist (II Jn 1.5-7).

But you say, the Gospels tell us to love our enemies.

You are right. Loving your enemies is **not walking with them** in their sinful ways. It is **not following** them. Loving your enemies is living a life of holiness in Christ Jesus, loving the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart, soul, and mind – that they shall know "The Love of God."

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.