

**Light, Love, & Life Series:**  
**How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred**  
**The Commandment of Love**  
**1 John 3:23-24**

- I. What Is God's Commandment? (23)
  - A. "That we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ"
    - 1. It is the name above every name (Ephesians 1:18-23; Philippians 2:9-10)
    - 2. It is the name by which we must be saved (Acts 4:8-12)
  - B. "Love one another"
    - 1. People must hear the gospel
    - 2. People must also see the gospel
    - 3. We must believe the gospel
    - 4. We must also live the gospel
- II. What Results from Keeping The Commandment? (24a)
  - A. We abide in Jesus
  - B. Jesus abides in us
  - C. Our life becomes an Incarnational life – a life actively involved in the person and work of Jesus Himself.
    - 1. This is not a mere metaphor for an example of living
    - 2. This is our position: our life and being and destiny our intimately bound to the Second Person of the Trinity
- III. How Can We Know We Have Kept The Commandment? (24b)
  - A. The Holy Spirit gives testimony by a life marked by constant transformation

- B. Notice the work of the Trinity
  - 1. The Father gives the command
  - 2. The Son fulfills the command on our behalf
  - 3. The Spirit causes us to participate in the Son's fulfillment by His indwelling, life-giving presence.