

Which side of the moon...



Looking at Body of Christ

- John's imperative statements of love



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- John's imperative statements of love
- Attacks on Body of Christ during Jesus' life
 - Temptations from Satan
 - Religious spirits influencing religious people



Temptations Jesus faced

- Focus on own needs/wants
- Twist the word of God
- Elevate self



Focus on own needs/wants

1 John 3:16-17

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"



"Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited...
Until you try to sit in their pews..."



"Some minds are like concrete...
thoroughly mixed up and permanently set."



"God loves everyone, but probably prefers
'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts' "



Twist the word of God

1 John 3: 18 -19

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him."



"A lot of church members singing 'Standing on the Promises' are just sitting on the premises."



"Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever."



"Forbidden fruits create many jams."



"God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?"



Elevate self

1 John 3: 20 - 23

"For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. **And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.**"



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- Where we are positioned determines what we see - darkness or light



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- Belief in Jesus as both Son of God and as Christ is active and not passive
- Loving one another is active, not passive



1 John 3:24

"Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."



The Spirit testifies -



The Spirit testifies -
and the light shines...

