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**I John 2:3-11**

**Lesson Two**

**THE BEREAN BIBLE CLASS—VICTORY BAPTIST TEMPLE  
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**Time To Take Your SAT  
“Spiritual Aptitude Test”  
(1 John 2:3-11)**

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**Introduction:**

Many of us remember the Scholastic Aptitude Test we took prior to entrance into college. We are about to take another SAT, but this one is a "Spiritual Aptitude Test", and is found in the Word of God. Our test will enable us to see our standing and will of course be based on the "three R's" namely, **Reassurances** of our genuine salvation, **Reflections** upon the teaching of our Saviour, and the **Relationships** that we have with our brethren. Notice that John begins with our:

**I. Reassurances of our genuine salvation** — 2:3-6 (How can I know that I know God?)

A. We need to *consider* the history of religious thought as to how God could be known.

1. The Greeks taught that god could be known through rationalism.

2. The Hellenists taught that god could be known through emotionalism, or the senses:

a) lighting

b) music

c) incense

d) liturgy

B. We need to *contemplate* the clear teaching of Scripture — vs. 3, 6

C. We need to contrast the two men of which John speaks — vv. 4, 5

1. One is *saying* he knows God, but doesn't — v.4

a) He is *fabricator* — “is a liar”

b) He is *a false* teacher — truth is not in him

2. One is *silent*, but lives a life that proves the reality of knowing God—v. 5

a) The *affect* of obedience

b) The *assurance* of obedience

## **II. Reflections upon the teaching of our Savior — 2:7, 8 (or the Law of love)**

A. The old *pronouncement* of the Law regarding love

I. The *revelation* by Moses in the OT — Lev. 19:17, 18

2. The *reassurance* by the Savior in the NT — Lk. 10:27,28

B. The new *practice* of the Lord revealing love

1. The *perimeter* of love *extended* to the world

2. *The practice of love expressed by Christ*

**III. Relationships that we have with our brethren** — 2:9-11 (Or the Life of Love) John gives two examples; one negative and one positive. He speaks of:

A. One who *talks* in the dark — vs. 9, 11

1. He lives in *spiritual darkness hating his brother* — v. 9

2. He lives in the *spiritual delusion of habitual blindness* — v. 11

B. One who *walks* in the light — V. 10

1. He is *abiding* in the *light*

2. He is *active* in *love* — He is practicing

a) *humility* Jn. 3:14

b) *harmony*—Ro. 12:16-21

C) *helping*— Gal. 6:2