

For the Sake of the Truth:

2 John 6

(6) And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

1. "And this is love"
 - The "this" is emphatic. Why?
 - How is John preparing the reader for what comes next?
 - Do you think the reader cares about what love is?
2. "that we walk according to His commandments"
 - What does the word "that" signify?
 - Who is the "we?"
 - What does John mean by the idea of walking? Why use this imagery?
 - What does it mean to by "according to" something?
 - What are we supposed to walk according to?
 - Whose commandments are we to walk by? Why is this important to note?
3. "This is the commandment"
 - Again, "this" is emphatic. Why?
 - To what does "this" refer? What is the commandment? (cf. 1 John 3:23)
 - Is this circular reasoning?
 - One commentator has written, "The whole of life is to be regulated by obedience to the love command." What do you think of this?
 - What would this look like practically speaking? What kinds of personal decisions would be influenced by this command?
4. "just as you have heard from the beginning"
 - Who is the "you?" Why does he go back to "you" away from "we?"
 - What does John mean by "from the beginning?" When was this? (cf. 1 John 3:11f)
 - How would they have heard this command?
5. "that you should walk in it"
 - Again, why does he say "you" and not "we?"
 - To what does "it" refer?