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John supports his thesis (verse 3) with three tests:

- _____ God. (Verse 4)
- _____ in Christ. (Verse 6)
- _____ in the Light. (Verse 9)

Knowledge, for John, is _____.

- *"It places itself in _____ activity."* -Gary Burge

What is truth?

- *"Truth is the principle of spiritual _____ that should accompany all worship empowered by God's Spirit."* -GB

TEREÓ (Keep or Obey):

- *to observe diligently, guard carefully, and preserve the _____.*

MENÓ (Abide or Remain):

- *To remain, live in, or abide in _____.*

One Thing:

- We love as He _____.

"And when we have discovered God's inexhaustible love for us, we love Him utterly, and this is expressed tangibly in obedience to His will." -GB

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Sermon Notes



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1. Think of someone whose faith became visible through the way they treated you. What did they do, and why has it stayed with you?
2. Have you ever understood something intellectually before experience helped you truly know it? What caused that truth to become real for you?
3. John uses the ideas of knowing Christ, abiding in Christ, and walking in the light. Which of those images connects most deeply with you right now? Why?
4. **Read 1 John 2:3-6.** What does John say reveals that we truly know God? How can obedience be evidence of our relationship with God without becoming something we use to earn God's love?
5. **Read John 15:1-12.** What does Jesus say happens when we abide in him? What connections do you see between abiding, obedience, fruitfulness, joy, and love?
6. **Read 1 John 2:7-11.** Why does John identify love for one another as visible evidence that someone is walking in the light? How can hatred, resentment, or contempt distort our spiritual vision?
7. **Read 1 John 2:12-14.** Why do you think John follows these challenging tests with words of assurance? Which reminder in these verses do you most need to receive today?
8. **Read John 13:34-35.** Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them. Name one person you can intentionally love this week and one concrete action through which you will do it.

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LifeGroup Questions