

Fast Facts #22: 2nd John 4-6

1. In verse 4, we learn anew how to walk as a Christ follower and that is to walk in the truth. The truth is revealed in Christ and transmitted by the Apostles. John is heartened to find them walking in the truth.
2. The children mentioned in verse 5 may be the “Elect Lady’s” own children or members of a church under her care. His joy comes from knowing that when we walk in the truth, we also abide in God and the command is this: that we love one another.
3. This has been at the heart of John’s message. Look at John 13:35 and 1st John 4:20-21. The truth of our life as a Christ follower can be measured by our love for one another.
4. Now in verse 6, he gives the definition of love. Love is that we walk according to His commandments. Jesus, when questioned about the Old Testament commandments as to which was the greatest (Matthew 22:36-40), stated “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind”. A second commandment is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
5. By the way, scholars say there are 613 laws from Genesis to Deuteronomy.
6. Here a few of the other commandments of Jesus: “If you love Me, keep My commandments”; “You must be born again”; “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”. This sums up the law and the prophets.
7. They will know us by our love.