

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master Before the Mirror of God's Word*  
Lesson 5 — Do You Love Your Brother? — 1 John 2:7-11

**Memory Work — 1 John 2:9**

1. In I John 2:7,8, John mentions an old commandment that they had heard from the beginning. (a) Read John 13:34 to discover what this commandment was. (b) So then what does John mean in verse 8 by a new commandment? (c) Do you think verse 7 and 8 are contradictory? (d) Why or why not?
2. (a) According to I John 2:9,10, how does one know for sure if he is a believer or not? (b) How does John describe “loving one’s brother” later on in this epistle? I John 3:17,18. (c) List some ways that you “measure up” to John’s description of loving your brother.
3. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and answer the following questions (a) What animal does Jesus use to describe those who love the brethren? (b) Those who hate the brethren? (c) Why do you think He uses these different animals? (d) What deeds characterize those who love the brethren? (e) Those who hate the brethren? (f) What is the destination of those who love the brethren? (g) Those who hate the brethren? (h) Do you think the goats knew they were lost? Why or why not?
4. (a) Why is loving the brethren such an imperative commandment? See John 13:35; Rom 13:8; I Cor. 13, and I John 4:11. (b) Rewrite the qualities of love from I Cor in your own words. (c) What changes do you need to make so that you will love others in the way described in I Cor. 13?
5. (a) Do you love the brethren? (b) What proof is there in your life that you love the brethren? (For the brave: ask those closest to you, “Does my life manifest that I indeed love the brethren?)
6. (a) Is there someone you need to love more actively? (b) What will you do about it?
7. In what areas has the Lord convicted you through the study of this lesson? How can we pray for you?