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Sermon Notes for September 20th, 2026
"A Journey through the Book of 1st John"
"A New, Old Commandment"

Sermon Text: **1 John 2:1-17;** Old Testament Text: **Proverbs 4:1-8;** Gospel Text: **Mark 12:28-31.** Read the passage below, then answer the questions.

1 John 2:1-17: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. 8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1. Read **1 John 2:1.** Why do you think John addresses his audience as ***my little children?***

2. What does an advocate do for someone he represents?

3. Read **1 John 2:2.** What does the word ***propitiation*** mean?

4. How did Jesus provide this for us and the whole world?

5. Read **1 John 2:3.** What proves that we've come to know Jesus?

6. Read **1 John 2:4-6.** If we claim to know Jesus, what should be true about the way we live?

7. Read **1 John 2:7.** According to this verse, what is the ***old commandment & when did they first hear it?***

8. Read **1 John 2:8.** What is it that transforms ***the old commandment into something new?***

9. Read **1 John 2:9-11.** According to this passage, what should we lose when we truly come to ***know the love of Jesus?***

10. Read **1 John 2:12-14.** What do you think John's ultimate purpose was in writing these three verses?

11. Read **1 John 2:15-17.** Why is ***loving the world*** such a pointless task?

12. Why is ***the love of the Father*** so much more valuable than ***the love of the world?***

13. What will you remember most from this message?