

**“Truth and Love”**  
**Short and Sweet, Pt. 1 - 2 John 1-7a**  
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**III. Christian obedience commands truth and love. (2 John 4-6)**

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*1 John 3:23 - This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.*

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*John 15:12-13 - <sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.*

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