

## What's In a Man?

Jn 2:23-25 — “Many became believers [*trusted*, #4100] in Him by watching the signs He performed, but for His part, Yahshua did not entrust [*trusted*, #4100] Himself to them, because He knew them all, and did not need anyone’s testimony concerning a man, for He knew what was in a man.”

The word *believe* in verse 23 and *entrust* (or *commit*) in verse 24 is the same Greek word, the verb form of the word *faith* or *persuasion* (#4102). It is the same word in Jn 3:16, “*believes* in Him” (#4100). So how many *today* would Yahshua say the same thing to, who claim to *believe* in Him? 1 Jn 2:3-6 — Verse 6 is the litmus test, as to whether His words truly have a home in them (verses 7 and 24).

Jn 14:15,21 are those whom He knows, and they know Him (Phil 3:10). And He knows what is in those who are as Jn 14:24 also.

So 1 Jn 2:7 is referring to verse 3, His commandments, as verses 3-7 were to John the test of personal intimacy, for the knowledge of Him is obedience (1 Sam 15:22-23), that is, obedience to the Master’s commandments, the same ones they had known from the beginning — not new ones (1 Jn 2:24-25; 3:11,23,24; 2 Jn 1:5-6; 1 Jn 1:1).

The new commandment is love (1 Jn 2:10; 4:10-21; 5:12-13; Jn 13:34) and the unity of love (Jn 13:35; 17:21-23). 1 Jn 3:16 defines what kind of love verse 14 is, as verses 23-24. This new commandment in Jn 13:34 belongs to those who belong to Yahshua (Gal 3:29), as demonstrated in the first century (Acts 4:32), and as our Master prayed for in Jn 17:21-23 and commanded in Jn 13:34-35.

Jn 17:23 and 13:35 go together. This is why John wrote the “Litmus Test Epistle” (1 Jn 5:13, KJV) because of what was creeping in at the close of the first century.

1 Jn 2:11 — Hating is merely not loving as 1 Jn 3:16, and this takes a community, as in the first expression of the church in Acts 2 and 4. Then Acts 2:44 as Jn 2:23-25 is the litmus test for what the word *believe* means. Jn 3:16 and Acts 2:44 go together — all

who believed in the beginning, and all who have believed since then, and all who believe today live together and have all things in common (Lk 14:33; Mk 10:29-30).

The rich young ruler didn't believe after all, for our Master knew what was in him (Mk 10:17-22). The word *believe* or *trust* is proven by our obedience to His commandments (Jn 14:15,21,23), as Jn 14:24 also proves the absence of belief (Jn 14:15,24).

So what's in a man? Who knows what kind of trust or believe exists in the heart of a man? The Father knows, and all whom He allows to know with Him.

1 Cor 16:22; Jn 14:15; Jn 13:34; 1 Jn 3:14,23

So if you don't yet believe right, as 1 Jn 5:13, then you still can, as it says in the KJV, and this is the confidence (verses 14-15).

1 Sam 16:7 — Our Father searches the heart. The state of a man's heart is far more significant than his natural wisdom, strength, or intelligence, or his physical appearance or the clothes he wears.