

what does it look like to love?

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5(a) By this we may know that we are in Him;
6 whoever say he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

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- 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.

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Love actually moves us to obedience... to abide in His word, to be strong in His word, and to overcome the schemes of the enemy.



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