

LIVING RIGHT IN A WRONG WORLD  
THE BELIEVER'S BADGE  
1 JOHN 2:7-11



### The Heart of the Matter

The prayer of one aging saint, “Lord, keep me from becoming a bitter old man,” is worth remembering. How easy it is to let our age dictate our attitude as we grow older. Rather than becoming more mellow and gracious, some choose to get more stubborn and belligerent. Thankfully, that isn’t true of everyone—and certainly not of the apostle John! Though almost at the century mark, he continued to be known for his Christlike life and love. Not surprisingly, John developed the theme of love early in his letter. He had seen love on display throughout the years of his Master’s ministry, up to and beyond the night when John sat beside Jesus during the Last Supper. John vividly remembered and later recorded that “[Jesus] loved them to the end” (John 13:1). And so should we, Jesus’s followers, love others.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. How Easy to Forget . . .

How easy it is to forget the extent of Jesus’s love and the proof of His love.

#### 2. How Important to Remember . . . (1 John 2:7-11)

How important it is to remember that love is an ever-relevant command of Christ. Love reveals the darkness of hidden hatred and is expressed in how we treat one another.



### Starting Your Journey

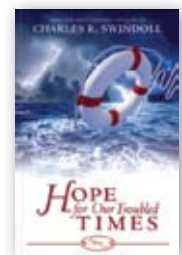
How valuable it is to acknowledge the benefits of abiding in the Light and the consequences of walking in the darkness.



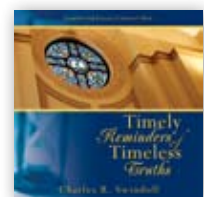
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