

⁷ Loved ones, I am not writing to you a new command but an old command which we have continuously had from the beginning. The old command is the Word which you listened to. ⁸ Further, I am writing to you a new command which is true with him and with you because the darkness is passing by and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and yet is hating his brother, is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother remains in the light and there is no stumbling block in him. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and is walking in the darkness and does not know where he is departing because the darkness blinded his eyes.

¹² I am writing to you, little children, because selfishness has been released from you through his name. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you have known the One from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. ¹⁴ I am writing to you, children, because you have known the Father. I am writing to you, fathers, because you have known the One from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you are powerful, the Word of the Creator remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one. ¹⁵ Do not love the cosmos nor the things in the cosmos. If anyone loves the cosmos, the love of the Father is not in him ¹⁶ because everything which is in the cosmos—the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, the arrogance of possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the cosmos. ¹⁷ The cosmos and its desires are passing by, but whoever does the will of the Creator remains eternally.

¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour and as you heard, the antichrist is coming. And now many antichrists have come, therefore we know it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They came out from among us, but they did not belong to us—for if they had belonged to us, then they would have remained with us. They left us so that it might be revealed that all of them do not belong to us. ²⁰ You have a christening from the Holy One and you know all things. ²¹ I did not write to you because you have not known the truth but because you have known it and because every lie is not from the truth. ²² Who is the liar except whoever says “no, Jesus is not the Christ”? This is the antichrist, whoever says “no” to the Father and the Son. ²³ Everyone who says “no” to the Son neither does he have the Father. Whoever publicly declares the Son also has the Father. ²⁴ Whatever you have listened to from the beginning, let it remain in you! If what you listened to from the beginning remains in you, then you will also remain with the Son and the Father. ²⁵ This is the promise which he promised to us, eternal life. ²⁶ I wrote these things to you concerning those who are leading you astray. ²⁷ The christening which you received from him remains with you and you have no need for anyone to teach you. For his christening teaches you concerning all things—it is true and it is not a lie. Just as he taught you, remain with him!