

**“We Know...Love is a Way of Life”**

**1 John 2:7-14**

**Matt Chapin**

**I. The Command to love is both old and new. (vs. 7-8)**

A. The old command is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matt. 22:36-40*

B. The new command to love is a \_\_\_\_\_ of love.

C. The power of Jesus love \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.  
*John 1:4-5, 9; 8:12; Isa. 9:2*

**II. Christian love is practical: It shines! (vs. 9-11)**

A. Knowing Jesus should change how we \_\_\_\_\_ and how we \_\_\_\_\_.  
*1 John 2:4-5*

B. Hating your brother is a reverse of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Rom. 13:8-10*

C. Christians are not perfect; we’re commanded to forgive.  
*Col. 3:13*

**III. Christian love matures. (vs. 12-14)**

A. “little children”= the whole church  
*John 1:12-13*

B. “fathers”= spiritually mature in the faith

C. “young men”= spiritually maturing in the faith  
*1 Pet. 2:2*