

First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts  
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**1John 2:3-6 To know him is to obey him.**

- I. The Christian life is lived in fellowship with God.
  - A. There are people who are confused about fellowship with God.
  - B. The requirements of this fellowship are summarized as “doing the will of God.”  
1Jn 2:17.
  - C. To have fellowship with God is to know God.
  
- II. How do you know that you are a Christian?
  - A. “By this we know...”  
1John 2:3, 5.
  - B. People often prefer knowledge of God without moral consequences.  
Isaiah 1:2-4; Hosea 4:1-2.
  - C. To know God is to obey God.  
“If we keep his commandments...” John 14:15; John 14:21; Revelation 12:17;  
Revelation 14:12; 1 John 5:3.
  - D. But then, how can anyone be a Christian?  
1John 2:2; Hebrews 10:16.
  
- III. Keep his word and the love of God is perfected in you.
  - A. From commandments to word...  
Psalm 119:104-105; 67-68; 41; 101-102.
  - B. From knowledge to love.
  - C. “By this we know...”  
Expression for assurance. 1John 5:20; John 17:3.
  - D. He who says he abides in him...  
John 6:56; 15:5.  
Know > communion > perseverance.
  - E. The question: am I a Christian?  
It is answered by saying: look at yourself, examine yourself, know the word of God,  
look at Christ, and learn from Christ, and walk just as he walked.