

## TESTING IF WE KNOW HIM

### 1 John 2:3

**Two types of speaking over us – internal the Holy Spirit – external the Word of God**

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1. By this we know that we know Him.
2. **If we keep** His commandments.
3. V-4 If we say we know Him.
4. And don't keep His commandments we declare we are liars.
5. And the truth is not in us.

#### 1 John 2:5, Romans 5:5, Hebrews 3:7, Hebrews 12:25

1. But whoever keeps His word.
  - a. **Truly the love of God is perfected in him or made complete.**
  - b. By this we know that we are in Him.

#### 1 John 2:6

1. He who says he abides in Him (Abide = habitual obedience).
2. Should walk just as He walked. (**John 5:19, 30**).

**The Lord Himself was under the constant speaking and doing of the Father.**

#### Heb. 3:7

1. Therefore, the Holy Spirit says.
  - a. Today if you will hear His voice.
  - b. V-8 Don't harden your heart = refuse to hear.
  - c. When we refuse His speaking over us we test Him and try Him
  - d. They experienced a 40-year death march for refusing to hear and heed His speaking.
  - e. Because of their hardened refusal to heed the work of God they went astray in their hearts = wandering heart unfaithful to Him.

f. They did not know His ways the way of faith.

**Heb. 3:12**

1. Beware lest any of us have an evil heart of unbelief.
2. That departs from the living God.
3. Exhort one another daily while it is called today.
4. Lest your heart be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
5. V. 14 We have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.