

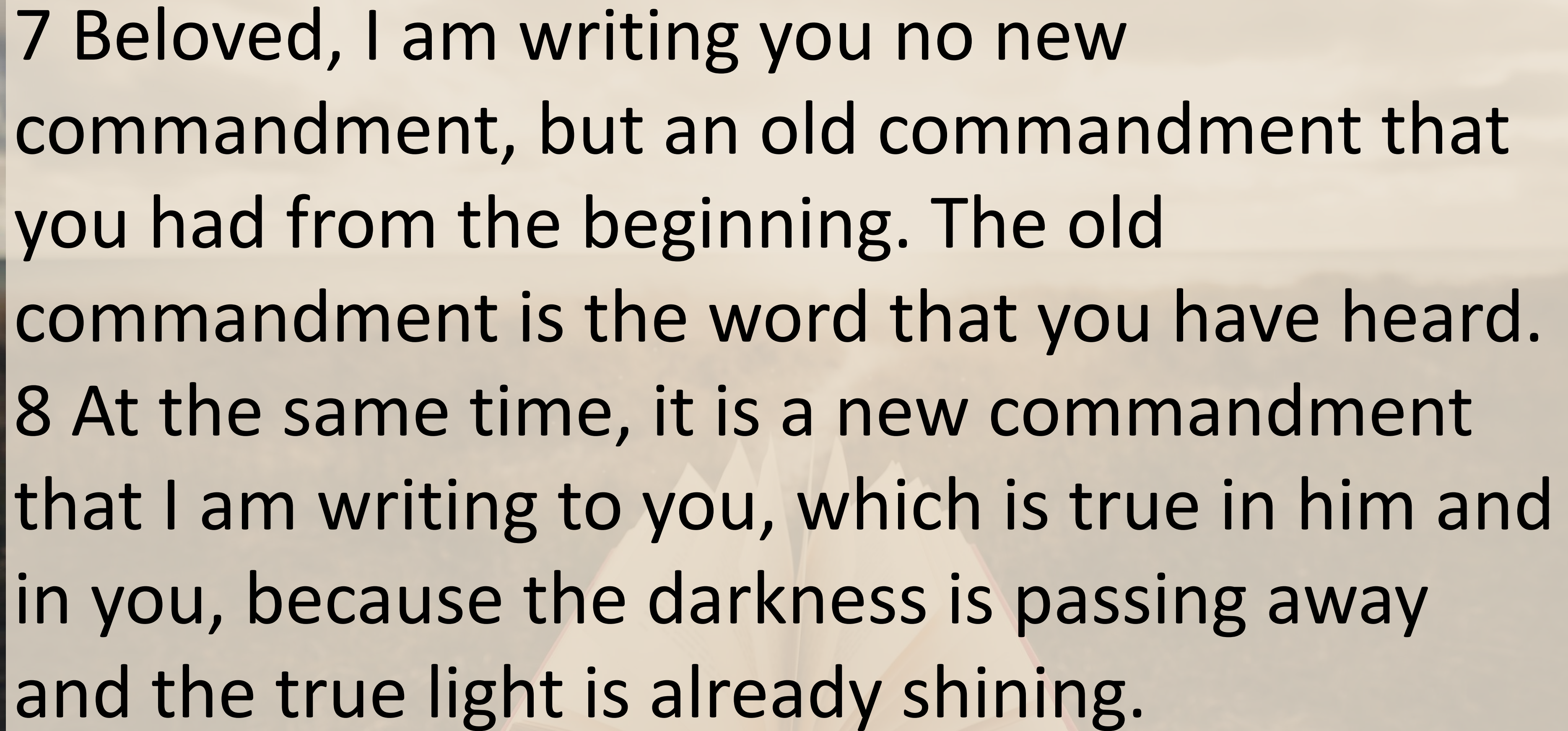
How Do You Know?

The Three Tests



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8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. – 1 John 2:3-11

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1. Theological Test (1:5-2:2)
2. Moral Test (2:3-6)
3. Relational Test (2:7-11)

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9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

— Romans 10:9-10

The Three Test

1. Do I believe the right things about Jesus and the Gospel?
2. Do I obey the commands of Jesus?
3. Do I love others like Christ?