**1 John 2:3-2:11 (By this we know…)**

[5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.]

2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 2:4 Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 2:7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word you have heard. 2:8 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. 2:9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 2:10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 2:11 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.

Authentic Christianity: **O**bey, **I**mitate, **L**ove.

**O**bey his commandments

*Personal reflection – ‘what does God’s Spirit command me to do this week?’*

*Remember: Obedience is the fruit not the root of authentic Christianity. And there is always forgiveness.*

**I**mitate Christ

*Remember: We have the resources Jesus had – Scripture, prayer and the Spirit.*

**L**ove their brothers and sisters

[John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people shall know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.]

*What I can pray for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this week:*