

# The Message

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## From the Beginning

1 John 1:1

That which was from the beginning,  
which we have heard, which we have  
seen with our eyes, which we looked  
upon and have touched with our hands,  
concerning the word of life—



## Both Old & New

1 John 2:7 Beloved, I am writing to you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.  
8At 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.



# **By This We Know**

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments (1 John 2:3).



# Keep It

**Let what you heard from the beginning abide [remain] in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father (1 John 2:24).**



# Satan's Continuity

**3:7 . . . the devil has been sinning from the beginning.**



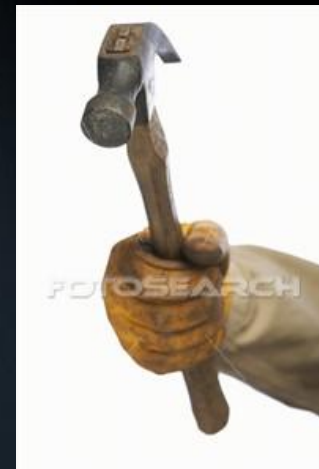
# The Message Has Not Changed

3:11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.



# Re-inventing Orthodoxy

Hammering out new orthodoxy is sometimes done on an anvil of anti-historical provincialism.



## To be provincial:

1. Narrowness of mind, ignorance, or the like, considered as resulting from lack of exposure to cultural or intellectual activity.



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