

# 1 John

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## Introduction

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1. **Tradition places this epistle about 80 – 85 A.D. Last apostle.**
  - A. **John the apostle has always been considered the author.** (lacks introduction, salutation, closing conclusion).
  - B. **It was written for a group of churches in Asia Minor, cf Rev.**
2. **Recipients:**
  - A. **Internal evidence indicates that the churches had been well established for quite a while.**
  - B. **All indications are that they had a lot of knowledge but were beginning to lack application.**  
Cf 2:21
3. **Occasion:**
  - A. **The infiltration of false teachers into Christianity.** (Scholars argue over which specific ones: Cerinthus & Gnosticism; Docetism which was against the validity of Jesus' suffering and denied the reality of His flesh; without love and compassion for the oppressed and afflicted; I suspect a combination).
  - B. **To point out that proof of their faith is seen by their works.** Cf Jas 2:18; 1 Pet 1:6-8
  - C. **To relate Christology to "the Christian way of life."**

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# 1 John 1:1-4

## Prologue

### 1. Prologue: 1:1-4

#### 1 John 1:1 = Statements of Fact

What was (**IPF Act Ind EIMI = kept on being**) from the beginning (**no definite article and means “at the outset of” cf John 1:1**), what we have heard (**Perf Act Ind AKOUW = indelible imprint on John’s soul; the word**), what we have seen (**Perf Act Ind HORAW = took a long look at**) with our eyes, what we beheld (**Aor Act Ind THEWREW = point of time; as a spectator; 1st advent**) and our hands handled (**Aor Act Ind PSELAPHAW = to handle, touch, feel; emphasis on literally touching that which is concrete and not abstract**), concerning the Word (**d.a. + LOGOS**) of life (**ZO8 = no d.a.; all life**)- - -

**C.T. = What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life- - -**

#### 1 John 1:2 = Parenthesis

And the life (**d.a. = of the Word**) was manifested (**Aor Pas Ind PHANEROW = become visible**) and we have seen (**Perf Act Ind HORAW = to take a long look at**) and bear witness (**Pres Act Ind MARTUREW = John’s present ministry as a witness**) and proclaim (**Pres Act Ind APAGGELLW = in His life and word**) to you the eternal life (**in Jesus Christ**), which was with the Father and was manifested (**Aor Pas Ind PHANEROW**) to us

**C.T. = And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us---**

#### 1 John 1:3 = The Purpose

What we have seen (**Perf Act Ind HORAW = with a good long look**) and heard we proclaim to you also (**Pres Act Ind APAGGELLW = right now in this letter**), that you also may have fellowship (**Pres Act Subj ECHW + KOINWNIA = a sharing in common**) with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**C.T. = What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.**

#### 1 John 1:4 = Personal Joy

And these things we write, so that our joy (**CHARA= based on grace**) may be made complete (**Perf Pas Ptc PL8ROW = filled**).

**C.T. = And these things we write, so that our joy may be filled.**

#### Summary:

1. **John immediately begins to counter false teachings with statements of fact.**
2. **The starting point of Christianity is the eternal nature of our Lord.** Cf John 1:1 (in the.... Vs from the.....)
3. **The Lord’s words and incarnation eternally impacted many people.**
4. (John uses plural to point out He is not alone).
5. **The God became incarnate.** Cf John 1:14 (some heresies of that day claimed He was spirit only).
6. **That Jesus is God incarnate is seen in His authority over all life.**
7. **The eternal life of the Father was presented to humanity through the Son.** Cf John 14:6
8. **John’s appropriation of eternal life is displayed by His lifestyle and speech.**
9. **This epistle is in part designed to restore to fellowship those who have followed false teachings.** (we are dealing here with the major tenets of Christianity).
10. **First and foremost is fellowship with God.**

11. **But John also desires the joy of fellowship with these Believers who have departed from the faith.**  
(not going to do so by compromising with false doctrine).
12. **John's intimate relationship with the Lord is clearly seen in His opening comments.**
13. **As well as His care and concern for the recipients of this epistle.**

## 1 John 1:5–2:2

### Communication with God and Confession of Sin

1. Prologue: 1:1-4
2. God is Light 1:5 – 2:27
  - A. Communication with God and Confession of Sin 1:5 – 2:2

#### 1 John 1:5 = God is Light

And this is the message we have heard (**Perf Act Ind AKOUW = John states this with confidence and authority**) from Him and announce to you, that God is light (**Pres Act Ind EIMI + PHWS = sets up an equation; cf John 1:4,5,9; 8:12**) and in Him there is no darkness at all.

**C.T. = And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

#### Summary:

1. John understood and believed our Lord's message. Cf John 8:12; 9:5 etal
2. This statement stresses the illumination of Himself to His creation.
3. It also emphasizes His glory and splendor, His truthfulness and purity.
4. Light also accents God's empowering activity. (Enables man to walk in the light).
5. It also has the character of a command to "walk in the light."
6. It is impossible to walk in the light and in the darkness at the same time. Cf 2:8,9,11; 2 Cor 6:14
7. Belief and actions associated with this theological truth allow us to reflect His light. Matt 5:14,16

#### 1 John 1:6 = Situation 1 – Lifestyle

If we say (**EAN + Aor Act Subj. EIPW= 3rd class; "we" = Believers**) that we have fellowship (**KOINWNIA**) with Him and yet walk (**Pres Act Subj PERIPATEW = may be walking; potential**) in the darkness, we lie (**Pres Mid Ind PSEUDOMAI = claim fellowship and walk in darkness is a lie**) and do not practice (**Pres Act Ind POIEW = while lying we are not doing**) the truth;

**C.T. = If we say that we have fellowship with Him and may be walking in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;**

#### Summary:

1. Actions speak louder than words.
2. To walk in darkness is to pursue a course of action that functions on the world's standards.
3. It involves not functioning on the Lord's standards. (morality, one another principles, factors of love)
4. John bluntly asserts that whoever says you can do both is lying.
5. A lifestyle of darkness is carnality as it is anti-authority. 2 Thes 3:6
6. We are to warn our brothers who are doing this. 2 Thes 3:14
7. Those who profess fellowship with the Lord would probably not profess they are walking in darkness, as they are deceived. Jas 1:22
8. Our lifestyle is to be an expression of our faith. Jas 2:18

#### 1 John 1:7 = Situation 2 – Antithesis of V 6

But if we walk (**Pres Act Subj PERIPATEW = potential, not impossible**) in the light as He Himself is in the light (**follows His own standards**), we have fellowship (**Pres Act Ind ECHW + KOINWNIA**) with one another (**ALL8LWN**), and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us (**Pres Act Ind KATHARIDZW = to purge, purify, free from the defilement of sin**) from all sin.

**C.T. = But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

#### Summary:

1. Aligning ourselves with the Lord's standards is the basis of walking in the light.

2. **We should do this out of love for Him. John 14:15, 23**
3. **The natural result will be a love for one another. (can't put this first)**
4. **The Gnostic heresy boasted of knowledge and communion with God but placed no value on fellowship with other Christians.**
5. **Our lifestyle is important concerning fellowship with God.**
6. **A change of lifestyle may be necessary for confession to have an ongoing fellowship. (some people use this out of fear and as a license to sin cf Gal 5:13)**
7. **Whatever sin we may have committed was taken care of by our Lord on the cross.**

### 1 John 1:8 = Situation 3 – Attitude

If we say (3rd class) that we have no sin (**HAMARTIA = in singular; i.e. any sin in our life; includes old sin nature, no moral culpability**) we are deceiving ourselves (**Pres Act Ind PLANAW = to be led astray, deceived**), and the truth is not in us.

**C.T. = If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

#### **Summary:**

1. **This verse counters the Gnostic doctrine that denied a Sin Nature and personal sin.**
2. **They claimed that as a new creation moral principles no longer applied to them. (was not sin for them but was sin for others)**
3. **When sin is denied as an ongoing reality, a denial of responsibility for one's actions will occur. (Gossip, hatred of brethren, jealousy, boasting become sanctioned as non-sins. Also when confession is used as a license to sin)**
4. **The phrase "deceiving ourselves" indicates the agents' responsibility for the mistake.**
5. **The truth is that we do sin and are therefore responsible.**
6. **The grace is that the Lord has provided for the cleansing.**
7. **The result of grace is that men are accountable to God and each other. Matt 5: 23-24**
8. **Some may never say they have no sin but their lifestyle indicated they consider themselves above it. (Misapplication of Rom 8:1)**

### 1 John 1:9 = Situation 4 – Grace (Solution)

If we confess (**EAN + Pres Act Subj HOMOLOGEW = to name, cite, acknowledge**) our sins (**plural**), He is (**Pres Act Ind EIMI = a statement of fact**) faithful (**PISTOS = will always keep His promise**) and righteous (**DIKAIOS = just; it is compatible with His nature based on the cross**) to forgive us our sins (**Aor Act Subj. APHI8MI = Subj. is used to denote that when the condition is met this promise is kept**) and to cleanse us (**Aor Act Subj KATHARIDZW**) from all unrighteousness (**ADIKIA**).

**C.T. = If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

#### **Summary:**

1. **The antithesis to claiming sinlessness is the grace provision to the Believer for cleansing.**
2. **We have responsibility to confess our personal sins to God.**
3. **We should also try and straighten out wrongs we have committed toward one another. Jas 5:16a**
4. **Based on God's character He will always forgive us.**
5. **Man may not always respond the same way. Cf 1 Pet 4:13,14,16,19**
6. **When we name our known sins then unknown sins are also taken care of.**
7. **This makes fellowship with the Lord possible.**
8. **The principle of confession of sins is communicated in the word several different ways:**
  - A. **Repent. Rev 2:21**
  - B. **Rise from the dead. Eph 5:14**
  - C. **Judge oneself. 1 Cor 11:31; 2 Cor 13:5**
  - D. **Lay aside every weight. Heb 12:2**
  - E. **Putting aside filthiness and wickedness. Jas 1:21**
  - F. **Putting aside all malice and deceit. 1 Pet 2:1**
9. **Confession is a license to serve not to sin. Gal 5:13**
10. **A willful lifestyle of sin will bring incredible discipline for the Believer in time. Heb 10:19-31**

### 1 John 1:10 = Situation 5 – Attitude

If we say (3rd class) that we have not sinned (OU + Perf Act Ind HAMARTANW = basically a restatement of verse 8 but with emphases on never having done it), we make Him a liar and His Word in not in us.

**C.T. = If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His Word is not is us.**

#### Summary:

1. The gravity of claiming sinlessness is that one proclaims God a liar. Cf Rom 3:23
2. This is blasphemy. 1 John 1:5
3. It makes a mockery of the gospel, and makes God the deceiver.
4. Not even Believers can claim sinlessness. Cf Rom 7

#### Summary of 1 John 1.

1. God is the absolute standard of what is right.
2. Our lifestyle is important to our fellowship with God.
3. Fellowship with one another is to be a result of fellowship with God. Love Him first.
4. Grace has provided for our sinfulness, and makes us responsible before God and man.

### 1 John 2:1 = Purpose and Solution

My little children (frequently used by Jesus Christ to the disciples; denotes (pastoral affections), I am writing these things to you that you may not sin (M8 + Aor Act Subj HAMARTANW = miss the mark). And if anyone sins (3rd class), we have an advocate with the Father (PARAKL8TOS = 5x; 4x in gospel of John for Holy Spirit; one who calls alongside; comforter, encourager, exhorter; pleads our case), Jesus Christ the righteous (DIKAIOS = same as 1:9);

**C.T. = My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;**

### 1 John 2:2 = Unlimited Atonement

And He Himself is the propitiation (HILASMOS = 2x; cf 4:10; satisfaction) for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world (HOLOS = in its entirety + KOSMOS).

**C.T. = and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.**

#### Summary:

1. John's care for these Believers is seen in pointing out that they are not functioning maturely. (my little children)
2. We should desire to not sin.
3. Even though we will, we should never view sin lightly even though forgiveness by God is immediate and complete.
4. The grace ability to not sin is available in any given set of circumstances.
5. Sin is an enemy as it removes the Believer from light and fellowship with God.
6. If we do sin, Christ's work on the cross took care of it.
7. The answer to sin is not rationalization of it.
8. But that Christ took care of that sin on the cross.
9. Even though He took care of it, He still does not like it as He is righteous.
10. We must never forget that the satisfaction of the debt to the Father was not without great cost. (grace was not cheap)
11. Our advocate does not maintain our innocence but intercedes for our guilt since the penalty is paid.
12. He is pleased to restore you to fellowship but is more pleased when you don't leave.
13. The righteousness of God could only be satisfied by an appropriate sacrifice. (Look at Him with admiration and love; the greater your love for Him, the more abhorrent to you sin becomes).
14. Never use confession as a license to sin.

## 1 John 2:3-11

### Communion with God and Obedience

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#### 1 John 2:3 = Knowledge and Obedience

And by this we know (**Pres Act Ind GINWSKW = at the present time**) that we have come to know Him (**Perf Act Ind GINWSKW = in the manner we should**), if we keep (**EAN + Pres Act Subj T8REW = 3<sup>rd</sup> class condition, keep, guard as valuable**) His commandments.

**C.T. = And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.**

#### 1 John 2:4 = False Belief

The one who says, “I have come to know Him (**Perf Act Ind GINWSKW = with lasting and complete results**),” and does not keep His commandments (**M8 + Pres Act Ptc T8REW = as a lifestyle**), is a liar (**Pres Act Ind EIMI + PSEUST8S**), and the truth is not in him;

**C.T. = The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;**

#### 1 John 2:5 = The Contrast

But whoever keeps (**Pres Act Subj T8REW = potential, based on volition**) His word, in him the love of God (**AGAP8**) has truly been perfected (**Perf Pas Ind TELEIW = matured**). By this we know (**Pres Act Ind GINWSKW = as a lifestyle**) that we are in Him:

**C.T. = But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been matured. By this we know that we are in Him:**

#### 1 John 2:6 = Our Intent

The one who says he abides (**Pres Act Inf. MENW = as a lifestyle**) in Him ought himself to walk (**Pres Act Ind OPHELEW + Pres Act Inf PERIPATEW = is obligated to walk**) in the same manner (**adv. KATHWS = exactly as**) as He walked (**Aor Act Ind PERIPATEW**).

**C.T. = The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.**

#### Summary:

1. Knowledge of God without obedience is incomplete.
2. True obedience responds to the love of God with our love.
3. It sees His commandments as valuable to the conduct of our lives.
4. Claiming knowledge of Him while failing to obey is living a lie.
5. The truth is that knowledge and obedience are inseparable requirements of the Christian way of life.
6. The experiential realization of the love of God is learned through obedience.
7. Claims of living the Christian way of life should be followed with a lifestyle that evidences the statement.
8. To live as Christ lived involves unselfishness. (removal of selfish attitude; displayed in time, things, devoid of materialism)
9. It also involves humility. (willing)
10. And sacrifice.
11. It also involves the desire to not sin.

#### 1 John 2:7 = Description of Commandment

Beloved (**AGAP8TOS = loved ones**), I am not writing a new commandment (**KAINOS = in respect to quality + ENTOL8 = emphasizing the word and source; i.e., with this epistle**) to you but an old commandment (**been taught this already**) which you have had from the beginning (**no d. A. + ARCH8 = actually referring to the upper room. John 13:34-35, new quality based on the supreme example**); the old commandment is the Word (**HO LOGOS = of God with source in Jesus Christ**) which you have heard (**not new information**).

**C.T. = Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from a beginning; the old commandment is the Word which you have heard.**

### 1 John 2:8 = Their Status in the Commandment

On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him (**as example**) and in you (**have not yet succumbed corporately to the heresies**), because the darkness is passing away (**Pres Pas Ind PARAGW = to pass beside; the spiritual darkness due to the spread of the gospel**), and the true light is already shining.

**C.T. = On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.**

#### Summary:

1. In this epistle, John may be directly speaking to some but corporately they are not apostate.
2. So this epistle is a warning and exhortation.
3. Their love for one another has been used by God to spread the light. Eph 1:15
4. John is not saying that a massive conversion is taking place.
5. But that light is being spread.
6. The quality of brotherly love can always improve.

### 1 John 2:9 = Three Comparisons – Lip Service

The one who says he is in the light (**makes the claim**) and yet hates (**Pres Ptc. MISEW = has no regard for, no care, concern; as a lifestyle**) his brother (**fellow-Believer; extends to unbelievers and neighbor**) is in the darkness until now (**fact that cannot be denied**).

**C.T. = The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.**

### 1 John 2:10 = Contrast

The one who loves (**Pres Ptc. AGAPAW = lifestyle**) his brother abides in the light (**Pres Act Ind MENW = a lifestyle**), and there is no cause for stumbling in him (**SKANDALOV = a stumbling-block is not in him**).

**C.T. = The one who loves his brother abides in the Light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him,**

#### Summary:

1. Lip-service is again contrasted with the real attitude of love. (look at people just as Christ did)
2. Foremost in your relationship with God is your love for other people, with His love coming through you.
3. Lack of love is a stumbling-block to your advance.
4. It is lifestyle characterized by darkness.
5. Divine guidance does not exist while you have this attitude.
6. Great emphasis is placed on applying the qualities of love.

### 1 John 2:11 = Another Contrast.

But the one who 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.

**C.T. = But the one who 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 2:12-17

### Attitude toward the World

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#### 1 John 2:12 = Attitude toward the World.

I am writing to you (Pres Act Ind GRAPHW), little children (TEKNIA = and v18; looks at stages of spiritual growth; new Believers), because your sins are forgiven you (Perf Pas Ind. APHI8MI = permanently) for His name sake. (have been forgiven)

C.T. = I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

#### 1 John 2:13 = Stages of Growth

I am writing to you (Pres Act Ind GRAPHW = 2nd time), fathers, because you know Him (Perf Act Ind GINWSKW = knowledge) who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you (Pres Act Ind GRAPHW = 3rd), young men (NEANISKOS = adolescents), because you have overcome the evil one (Perf Act Ind NIKAW + PON8ROS = became that way). I have written (Aor Act Ind = GRAPHW = changes to Aorist from Present, 1st of 3, direct parallel) to you, children (PAIDIA = changes words of address, the first emphasizes the relationship, the second the subordination to instruction and direction), because you know the Father. (Perf Act Ind GINWSKW)

C.T. = I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you children, because you know the Father.

#### 1 John 2:14 = Address Continued

I have written to you (Aor Act Ind GRAPHW = 2<sup>nd</sup> Aorist) fathers, because you know Him (Perf Act Ind GINWSKW = have known) who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men (Aor Act Ind GRAPHW = 3<sup>rd</sup> Aorist), because you are strong (ISCHUROS = usually emphasizes the physical; here one who is strong in the battle), and the word of God (HO LOGOS = not just the Bible, but the living word) abides in you (Pres Act Ind MENW = keeps on abiding), and you have overcome the evil one (Perf Act Ind NIKAW = have completely overcome).

C.T.= I have written to you fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you and you have overcome the evil one.

#### Summary:

1. In a context of love that could easily point out shortcomings, John addresses the three stages of growth.
2. Implied is that if there is sin in these areas, confess it, and move on.
3. The foundation of all spiritual growth is that our sins are forgiven through the reputation of our Lord.
4. The spiritual babes are built through academically learning about God.
5. The spiritually mature are still learning about God but are building upon their experiential relationship with Him.
6. The spiritual adolescent realized that He is in the conflict, and is on the winning side.
7. The adolescent develops a boldness to proclaim the Lord.
8. At this stage the Living Word of God is making His presence felt.
9. The adolescent begins to walk in the same manner as He walked. cf 2:6

10. **This boldness is carried over into maturity.**
11. (This is a building process; cf 1 Cor 13:11 putting away childish things; I.e. Self-gratification et al) .
12. **John is writing (Present tense) to teach and remind them of these stages of growth and their characteristics. (Aorist tense)**
13. **Being the recipients of forgiveness, we should learn God's word and function as overcomers, (Perf tenses) in order to learn more.**

### 1 John 2:15 = Growth Excludes Love for the World

Do not love the world (**M8 + Pres. Imp. AGAPAW = stop loving; I.e. A focus of desires**), nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (**1st reason**)

**C.T. = Stop loving the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

### 1 John 2:16 = Second Reason and Description

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh (**desires from Sin Nature**) and the lust of the eyes (**what can be seen**) and the boastful pride of life (**ALADZONEIA = 2x + BIOS = physical life; cf Jas 4:16; function of arrogance, extravagant claims**) is not from the Father, but is from the world.

**C.T. = For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life is not from the Father, but is from the world.**

### 1 John 2:17 = The Contrast.

The world is passing away (**Pres Mid Ind PARAGW**), and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

**C.T. = and the world is passing away, and (also) its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.**

### **Summary:**

1. **No matter our level of spiritual growth we are tempted by the attitude and things of the world.**
2. **As long as you desires are focused on the world, you are not realizing the love of God in your life.**
3. **As a Believer, His love is always there (John 16:27) but you may miss out on its greatness.**
4. **Materialism is an attitude that you can live or be happy without something.**
5. **What could take the place of the joy of knowing Him?**
6. **Worldliness is described as:**
  - A. **Desire of the Sin Nature.**
  - B. **Wrongful desires for what is seen.**
  - C. **An arrogance that denies grace.**
7. **The desires of this world will never satisfy and so they must constantly change.**
8. **Only by doing His will, will we ever have this joy.**

## 1 John 2:18-27

### Warning against the Antichrists

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#### 1 John 2:18 = The Facts

Children (**PAIDION = emphasizes subordination, need for instruction and direction**), it is the last hour (**no d.a.; the gospel of John uses “hour” to indicate the fulfillment of time; it is a last hour; not the return of Christ or John was mistaken; Paul uses it in Rom13:11 to say it is time to awake from sleep; a warning to not be spiritually asleep**); and just as you heard that antichrist (**ANTICHRISTOS = 5x all in 1 John and 2 John; means against or contrary to Christ; def. art used in many old mss; singular makes definite**) is coming (**Pres Mid Ind ERCHOMAI = futuristic**) even now many antichrists have arisen (**Perf Act Ind GINOMAI = come into existence**); from this we know (**Perf Act Ind GINWSKW**) that it is the (a) last hour.

**C.T. = Children, it is a last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come into existence; from this we know that it is a last hour.**

#### 1 John 2:19 =The Source

They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us (**PluPerf Act Ind MENW = to the present**); but *they went out*, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

**C.T. = They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.**

#### Summary:

1. On the Mount of Olives, Christ told the disciples what was going to happen. **Matt 24:4-6**
2. The rise of the antichrists proved His accuracy. (Fulfillment in time)
3. Antichrists would pave the way for The Antichrist. (no clue as to how many or over what period of time).
4. Their presence should put people on guard to watch for the other characteristics of the last generation. (they had to be present for the Rapture to occur, but other conditions had to be met as well).
5. In John’s day, a counter movement to Christianity began with people who left the churches.
6. Spiritually, they never really accepted the basic tenants of the faith.
7. They never made the transition from lip service to true service. (context)
8. Those who leave a particular local church are not necessarily antichrists. (arrogant legalism of many churches today).
9. If they were spiritually a part of the Christian community, they would not have left that fellowship.
10. These people chose to leave to spread false doctrines in the name of Christianity.

#### 1 John 2:20 = Divine Protection

But you have (**Pres Act Ind ECHW**) an anointing (**CHRISMA = 3x; 2x in v 27: ref to Holy Spirit**) from the Holy One (**God; 2 Cor 1:21**), and you all know (**i.e. about this**). (**Perf Act Ind OIDA**).

**C.T. = but you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.**

#### 1 John 2:21 = Comment On Writing

I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it (**Perf Act Ind OIDA = both places**), and because no lie is of the truth.

**C.T. = I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.**

**Summary:**

1. **The Gnostics claimed that a special ritual anointing gave them superior insight into the Word of God.** (Nassenes sect; "we alone of all men are Christians, who complete the mystery of the third portal, and are anointed there with speechless chrism.")
2. **The anointing of the Holy Spirit is given to all Christians at the point of salvation. John 16:13; cf 14:17; 15:26 cf 1 Cor 12:13; 2 Cor 1:21**
3. **The real anointing does not contradict scripture, but illuminates it.**
4. **John writes to remind them of the ministry of the holy spirit.**
5. **Man's arrogant quest for fame leads Him to claim special Rev. Cf Colossians 2:18**
6. **Antichrists claim special information (often from Holy Spirit) that contradicts basic tenets of scripture.**
  - A. **The God who became man.**
  - B. **He died for our sins.**
  - C. **Universal indwelling Holy Spirit of the Believer.**
  - D. **Resurrection.**
  - E. **Jesus Christ was perfect.**
7. **Requirements for knowing the truth:**
  - A. **No unconfessed sins. 1 John 1:9**
  - B. **Desire to do His will. John 7:17**
  - C. **Obedience. 1 John 2**
8. **God's messengers proclaim the truth while your attitude and the Holy Spirit absorb it accurately.**

**1 John 2:22 = The Main Lie**

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

**C.T. = Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.**

**1 John 2:23 = All or Nothing**

Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son (**Pres Act Ptc. HOMOLOGEW**) has the Father also.

**C.T. = Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.**

**1 John 2:24 = Application**

As for you, let that abide (**3S Pres Act Imp. MENW**) in you which you have heard from the beginning (**reception of the gospel**). If what you heard from the beginning abides in you (**3rd class**) you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

**C.T. = As for you, let that abide in you which you have heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and the Father.**

**Summary:**

1. **The most basic lie of the antichrists is that Jesus is not the Messiah.**
2. **It denies His origin, person and work.**
3. **With the Father's "stamp of approval" on the Son, He who rejects the Son calls the Father a liar. Cf 5:10**
4. **The Gnostics denied Christ's true humanity.**
5. **John is not talking about having a creed but a relationship.**

6. The Gnostics rejected their own sinfulness, their need of forgiveness, the life of love and fellowship with the Father and Son.
7. John is warning them against not departing from the faith.
8. Where the truth of God's word abides there also will be God's fellowship. Cf John 14:23 (exhortation and promise)
9. Let us not be corrupted from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2 Cor 11:3 (lifestyle)
10. Beware of the subtle and refined denials of Jesus' true identity.

#### 1 John 2:25 =The Promise

And this is the promise which He himself made to us (**Aor Mid Ind EPAGGELOMAI = promised us**): eternal life.

**C.T. = And this is the promise which He himself promised us: eternal life.**

#### 1 John 2:26 = Reason for this Section

These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you (**Pres Act Ptc. PLANAW = life style - never takes a break**).

**C.T. = These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.**

#### 1 John 2:27 = Protection Re-emphasized

And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you (**indwelling Holy Spirit – cf John 14:17**), and you have no need for anyone to teach you (**i.e. about the basics**); but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you. Abide in Him.

**C.T. = And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in Him.**

#### **Summary:**

1. Eternal life is promised to those who believe in Him. John 3:15; 6:40
2. For Believers it is a present reality also known as a future hope, thus we should live accordingly.
3. The deserter's intent is to lead the faithful astray and assume leadership over them.
4. John assures them that what they originally heard from the apostles concerning Jesus is accurate. Cf Gal 1: 6-10)
5. No new Rev will change that. (Primary source)
6. The Holy Spirit will teach them all things about being conformed to the image of Christ.
7. This community has experienced the confirming work of the holy spirit in their lives.
8. Now the issue is to continue in the manner in which they began.
9. John is not doing away with the importance of Christian teachers. Cf Rev 2-3
10. But is pointing out that only God is the light, never a mere man. cf John 1:6-8 cf 1 John 1:5

## 1 John 2:28 - 3:10

### The Righteous Children of God

#### Outline:

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3. God is Righteous 2:28 – 4:6
  - A. The Righteous Children of God 2:28 – 3:10

#### 1 John 2:28 = Transition Verse – Be Ready for the Rapture

And now, little children (begins new paragraph: **TEKNIOV = emphasizing relationship**), abide in Him (**Pres Act Imp MENW = lifestyle**), so that when He appears (**EAN + Aor Pas Sub PHANEROW = construction indicates; when He may be manifested; i.e. conditions met soon, during their lifetime; not a question that He will be, but when**), we may have confidence (**Aor Act Subj ECHW = potential + PARR8SIA = all speech, freedom of speech, boldness**) and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming (**HINA + Aor Pas Subj AISCHUNW = to be ashamed, recognition of error; opposite of boldness**).

**C.T. = And now, little children, abide in Him so that when He may be manifested, we may have boldness and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.**

#### Summary:

1. John refers to an event that all Believers must face. Cf 2 Cor 5:10
2. We will stand before Him for our production to be evaluated. 1 Cor 3:10-16
3. Some will be disappointed and ashamed.
4. John has given the basis for our boldness, which is “abiding in Him.”
  - A. Fellowship. 1:5-2:2
  - B. Obedience. 2:3-8
  - C. Life of love. 2: 9-1
  - D. Growth. 2:12-14
  - E. No love of the world. 2:15-17
  - F. Not being led astray. 2:1-27
5. How would you stand before Him today?

#### 1 John 2:29 = The Righteous Children of God

If you know (**3rd class + Perf Subj. OIDA = from experience**) that He is righteous (**Pres Act Ind EIMI + DIKAIOS = cf 1:9; 2:1**), you know (**Pres Act Ind GINWSKW = are knowing**) that every one also who practices righteousness (**Pres Ptc. POIEW = lifestyle**) is born of Him (**Perf Pas Ind. GENNAW = has been born**).

**C.T. = If you know that He is righteous, you know that every one also who practices righteousness is born of Him.**

#### Summary:

1. Righteous conduct is not prerequisite for the new birth but should be consequence of it.
2. The foremost function of righteous conduct is love. Cf 2:9-11; standard of obedience.
3. Love becomes a test for distinguishing who is truly born of God.
4. It is that which displays our new birth to others. John 13:34-35
5. It is the test to know experientially of your salvation. Cf 2:25; 5:13 (OIDA)
6. Our love for God and others should lead us to obey His ethical and moral standards.
7. The supreme example of God’s Righteousness is the expression of His love. (not His judgment)

## 1 John 3

### 1 John 3:1 = The Result of His Love

See (Aor Act Imp. HORAW = a good look) how great (adj. POTAP8S = of what sort of quality? What manner of? Cf Matt 8:27 of Jesus Christ) a love that the Father has bestowed (Perf Act Ind DIDWMI = given) upon us (to us), that we should be called children of God (TEKNON = emphasizes relationship); and *such* we are (Pres Act Ind EIMI = keep on being). For this reason (the love of God) the world does not know us (Pres Act Ind GINWSKW = is not knowing us), because it did not know Him (same word in Aor).

C.T. = See what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

#### Summary:

1. John wants us to consider all the aspects of the love of God, and its result to those who believe.
2. Such grace and love are missing from His opponents' lives.
3. They fail to recognize God's love and fell no obligation to express it.
4. Those involved in the cosmic system will not understand relationship with God.

### 1 John 3:2 =Result of New Birth

Beloved, now we are children (TEKNON = emphasizes relationship) of God, and it has not appeared (Aor Pas Ind PHANEROW = been manifested, made visible) as yet what we shall be (Pres Act Ind EIMI = in eternal state). We know that (Perf Act Ind OIDA), when He appears, we shall be like Him (HOMOIOS = similar to, not quite the same likeness as with eikon, a difference in glory), because we shall see Him just as He is.

C.T. = Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not been manifested as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

### 1 John 3:3 = Application to Time

And every one who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself (Pres Act Ind HAGNIDZW = used of ceremonial cleanness, makes oneself fit for worship), just as He is pure.

C.T. = And every one who has this hope (fixed) on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

#### Summary:

1. John contrasts our present and future status with God.
2. Both are love relationships. (beloved)
3. The full Rev of our new nature has not yet been given. 1 Cor 13:12
4. Deductive reasoning says we will be similar to Him. 1 Cor 15:35-41
5. In the "twinkling of an eye" we shall be changed to our new status. 1 Cor 15:42-52
6. Our glory will be based on His. Philippians 3:21
7. Our love for Him produces a confident expectation, which increases faith. (and vice versa) Heb 11:1
8. We are to function in the realm of the "seen," based on our "hope" concerning the realm of the presently unseen. Heb 12:2
9. Our ultimate purification is accomplished by God alone. Matt 5:8
10. The writers of scripture encourage our experiential purification. 1 Cor 15:58; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jas 3:17; 4:8
11. This purification involves our thoughts, speech and actions.
12. And a desire to be conformed to His image.
13. With its basis in the fact that we are already children of God.

### 1 John 3:4 = Sin is Excluded

Every one who practices sin (Pres Ptc. POIEW = lifestyle + d.a. + HAMARTIA = the sin; old sin nature function) also practices (Aor Pas Ind POIEW) lawlessness (d.a. + ANOMIA = the lawlessness); and sin (the sin) is (the) lawlessness.

**C.T. = Every one who is practicing sin also practices the lawlessness; and the sin is the lawlessness.**

**Summary:**

1. Sin is missing the mark of God's standards.
2. "The Lawlessness" is the rebellion against God.
3. A lifestyle of personal sins from the Sin Nature is evidence of rebellion against God.
4. To be indifferent to sin or consider it of low regard in the Believer is a gross mistake.

### **1 John 3:5 = The Reason for His Appearance**

You know (**Perf Act Ind OIDA**) that He appeared (**Aor Pas Ind PHANEROW = at a point in time; the First Advent**) in order to take away sins (**HINA + Aor Act Subj AIRW = in order to lift up**); and in Him there is no sin (**OUK + Pres Act Ind EIMI = there does not exist sin**).

**C.T. = And you know that He appeared in order to take away the sins; and in Him there is no sin.**

**Summary:**

1. The eternal burden of sin has been removed from the Believer.
2. The temporal burden of sins is still a reality. (sow/reap)
3. Sin is an affront to God's righteousness and a dishonorable response to His love.
4. When we sin we are not like Him.

### **1 John 3:6 = Fellowship with God is Harmed by Ongoing Sin**

No one who abides in Him sins (**Pres Ptc. MENW = function of life + Pres Act Ind HAMARTANW = sins as a lifestyle**); no one who sins (**Pres Ptc HAMARTANW = the one sinning as a lifestyle**) has seen Him (**Perf Act Ind HORAW = has taken a long look at Him**) or knows Him (**Perf Act Ind GINWSKW = completely knows Him**).

**C.T. = No one who abides in Him continually sins; no one who continually sins has seen Him or knows Him.**

**Summary:**

1. John is not claiming that a Believer will not sin. Cf 1:8, 10; 2:1; 5:16
2. He is demonstrating that a Believer who sins is not living the Christian way of life at that point.
3. The Gnostics thought that sin made no difference in the Christian way of life, because there was no such thing as sin. (in fact they said there is no sin for a Believer for they had developed a new set of laws)
4. Sinning indicates one does not have His eyes fixed on Jesus and is not functioning in knowledge of Him.
5. Every time we choose sin instead of the righteousness we miss out on our relationship with Him in time. (perfects) (part of "drawing near" to Him-one step at a time)
6. The issue in this verse is the "now."

### **1 John 3:7 = Warning**

Little children (**relationship**), let no one deceive you (**Pres Act Imp PLANAW = lead you astray**); the one who practices righteousness (**Pres Ptc. POIEW + d.a. + DIKAIOSUN8 = the righteousness**) is righteous (**DIKAIOS**), just as He is righteous.

**C.T. = Little children let no one deceive you; the one who practices the righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**

### **1 John 3:8 = Contrast**

The one who practices (**the**) sin is of the devil (**DIABOLOS = an accuser, slanderer**); for the devil has sinned (**Pres Act Ind HAMARTANW = ongoing**) from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

**C.T. = The one who practices the sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.**

**Summary:**

1. **False teachers universally hold to a different view of sin than God has sated.**
2. **The righteousness that begins with saving faith and then continues in obedience to God's standards is evidence of the new birth.**
3. **The one who has an uninterrupted history of functions of the Sin Nature is not saved.** (saving faith interrupts it-not requiring a good deed for salvation)
4. **Like the devil it indicates a life of religion against God. John 8:44**
5. **Sadly, even Believers can live like unbelievers. Philippians 1:15-17**
6. **Christ appeared to undo the works of the devil:**
  - A. **Spiritual death.**
  - B. **Sin Nature.**
  - C. **Personal sins.**
  - D. **Physical death.**
  - E. **Cosmic viewpoint/evil.**
7. **We should seek a life patterned after Christ's.** (unselfish, humble, sacrificial, seeker of the lost)

**1 John 3:9 = The New Creation**

No one who is born of God (**Perf Pas Ptc. GENNAW = has been born**) practices sin (**Pres Act Ind POIEW = is doing sin; to do in an unceasing manner**), because His seed abides in him (**Pres Act Ind MENW = is abiding**); and he cannot sin (**Pres Pas Ind DUNAMAI + Pres Act Inf. HAMARTANW = is not being empowered to sin all the time**), because he is born of God.

**C.T. = No one who has been born of God unceasingly practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he is not being empowered to sin (all the time), because he is born of God.**

**1 John 3:10 = Functioning Children**

By this (**what follows**) the children of God (**relationship**) and the children (**relationship**) of the devil are obvious (**Pres Act Ind EIMI + PHANEROS = they keep on being manifest**); any one who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor (**conj. KAI = ascensive; even**) the one who does not love his brother.

**C.T. = By this the children of God and the children of the devil keep on being manifest; any one who does not practice righteousness is not of God, even the one who does not love his brother.**

**Summary:**

1. **No one who is born of God unceasingly practices sin.**
2. **At the new birth we become two creations residing in the same body.**
3. **The new part cannot sin, being created and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Gal 5:16-17**
4. **The old self still has that capability, and has to be put under control and dismantled, which is a lifelong process. Eph 4:22-24; Colossians 3:1-11**
5. **Unchecked sin in one's life is a gauge of spiritual relationships.**
6. **Relationship with God is displayed by love for one another.**
7. **It is the supreme standard of conduct for the Royal Family.**
8. **We should therefore, initiate with love to those who do not display it.** (they are not the enemy but the victims of the enemy)

## 1 John 3:11-18

### The Righteous Love of the Children of God

1. Prologue: 1:1-4
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  - A. The Righteous Children of God 2:28 – 3:10
  - B. The Righteous Love of the Children of God 3:11-18

#### 1 John 3:11 = The Age Old Message

For this is the message which you have heard (**Aor Act Ind AKOUW = constative Aorist putting together into one message all the times one has heard that message**) from the beginning, that we should love one another (**Pres Subj. AGAPAW + ALL8LOS**);

**C.T. = For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.**

#### 1 John 3:12 = How not to

Not as Cain (**firstborn of Adam an Eve**), *who* was of the evil one (**lpf EIMI = kept on being + PONEROW = became evil**), and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil (**lpf EIMI + PONEROS**) and his brother's were righteous.

**C.T. = Not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one, and slew his brother, and for what reason did he slay Him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.**

#### Summary:

1. The command to love one another is trans-dispensational.
2. One's acts will manifest the side one has chosen in the Angelic Conflict.
3. Obedience to God's will puts us in harmony with others who obey His will.
4. Antagonism towards others, especially Believers will diminish.
5. Cain did not become a child of God and His hatred toward a child of God was eventually manifested.
6. Satan himself is the author of hatred toward God and others.
7. Cain was given the opportunity to repent of His disobedience. Gen 4:7
8. But His rejection of grace led to the manifestation of hate.
9. Believers who do not manifest this command are on the wrong side in the Angelic Conflict.

#### 1 John 3:13 = Warning

Do not marvel (**M8 + Pres Act Imp. THAUMADZW = stop marveling**), brethren **if** (**1st class = since**), the world (**KOSMOS**) hates you. (**Pres Act Ind MISEW**)

**C.T. = Stop marveling, brethren, since the world hates you.**

#### 1 John 3:14 = Experiential Knowledge

We know (**Perf Act Ind OIDA = from experience, because changes have taken place in our life**) that we have passed out (**Perf Act Ind METABAINW = to pass over from one place to another. Preposition EK indicates a change has taken place**) of death into life (**spiritual**), because we love (**Pres Act Ind AGAPAW = we are loving**) the brethren. He who does not love (**Pres Act Ptc AGAPAW = is not loving**) abides in (**the**) death.

**C.T. = We know that we have passed out of the death into the life, because we are loving the brethren. He who does not love abides in the death.**

### **1 John 3:15 = The Gravity of Hatred**

Every one who hates his brother (**Pres Act Ptc. MISEW = lifestyle of hate**) is a murderer (**Pres Act Ind EIMI = fact**); and you know (**Pres Act Ind OIDA**) that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him (**Pres Act Ptc MENW**).

**C.T. = Every one who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.**

#### **Summary:**

1. **The cosmos hates the obedient Believer.** (Webster definition = to have a strong dislike or ill will for; to wish to avoid).
2. **Loving one another gives us assurance in time of our eternal salvation.**
3. **Without this love we are operationally dead in time.**
4. (The Christian life should follow the pattern God set for us when He saved us).
5. **Without this love we are walking in darkness. 2:9-11**
6. **It is a lifestyle that functions as though one were still spiritually dead.**
7. **The mental sin of hate leads to sins of the tongue and other acts of evil.**
8. **A lifestyle based on eternal life squelches these sins.**

### **1 John 3:16 = Academic Love**

We know (**Perf Act Ind GINWSKW = fully academically know**) (**the**) love by this, that He laid down (**Aor Act Ind TITH8MI = placed**) His life (**soul**) for us; and we ought (**Pres Act Ind OPHEILW = an obligation**) to lay down (**same word**) our lives (**souls**) for the brethren.

**C.T. = We know the love by this, that He laid down His soul for us; and we ought to lay down our souls for the brethren.**

### **1 John 3:17 = Is It Real?**

But whoever has the world's goods (**Pres Act Subj ECHW = may have + BIOS = life, livelihood, good**), and beholds (**Pres Act Subj. THEWREW = as a spectator**) his brother in need and closes his heart (**d.a. + SPLAGCHNON = the bowels; affections, tender mercies**) against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

**C.T. = But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his affections against him, how does the love of God abide in him?**

### **1 John 3:18 = The Bottom Line**

Little children (**relationship word but we are not to act as such**), let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

**C.T. = Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.**

#### **Summary:**

1. **The supreme example of love is the decisions and actions our Lord made for us.**
2. **This is to become our lifestyle.**
3. **A test of whether we have that love is seen in our use of material things. Jas 2:15-16; 1 Cor 13:1-3**
4. **A lack of compassion to those in need indicates a selfish attitude.**
5. **Words without works of truth are empty.**
6. **As His body, we are to carry out the works He desires.**

## 1 John 3:19-24 Confidence before God

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  - B. The Righteous Love of the Children of God 3:11-18
  - C. Confidence before God 3:19-24

### 1 John 3:19 = Assurance

We shall know (**Fut Act Ind GINWSKW = promise**) by this (**living in deed and truth**) that we are of the truth (**the real truth contains acts, not just knowledge**), and shall assure our heart before Him (**Fut Act Ind PEITHW = assurance, confidence by being persuaded**),

**C.T. = We shall know by this that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him,**

### 1 John 3:20 = Provision for Weakness

In whatever (**conjunction HOTI = for + EAN = if; 3rd class**) our heart condemns us (**Pres Act Subj KATAGINWSKW = to know against; 3x; Gal 2:11 & v21; not katakrima as in Rom 8:1; accuses**) for God is greater than our heart (**difficult construction; supply “we know” that the God is greater than our heart**) and knows all things.

**C.T. = For if our heart accuses us, for the God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.**

### Summary:

1. Our confidence before the Lord (cf 2:28) is based on our acts of love.
2. This leads to confidence that we are doing things as He desires.
3. The more you do the greater will be your confidence.
4. Our conscience lets us know when we have failed to do what we know we should, unless scar-tissued like the Gnostics.
5. God can overcome our areas of weakness.
6. He is already aware of them and wants to help.
7. This confidence comes from a history of unselfish acts of love. (some people push God as rebellious children - seeking attention; want Him all to themselves – no confidence)

### 1 John 3:21 = Clear Conscience?

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us (**accuse**), we have confidence before God.

**C.T. = Beloved, if our heart does not accuse us, we have confidence before God;**

### 1 John 3:22 = Results – Reasons

And whatever we ask (**Pres Act Subj AITEW = inferior to superior**) we receive from Him, because we keep (**Pres Act Ind T8REW = see as valuable**) His commandments and do the things (**Pres Act Ind POIEW = are doing**) that are pleasing in His sight.

**C.T. = And whatever we ask we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.**

**Summary:**

1. **A history of obedience to His will keep us from shutting down with a single failure.**
2. **If we are doing what we can our conscience will be clear.**
3. **If we are selfish and self-serving it won't. cf 5:14**
4. **The prayer in view here is specifically that which asks for help to overcome weaknesses.**
5. **If we are seeking conformity to His image, these prayers will be answered. (not saying that God is a candy store).**
6. **Prerequisites to answered prayer are the proper attitude and appropriate actions.**
7. **Answers to prayer also build our confidence.**

**1 John 3:23 = His Commandment**

And this is His commandment (**Fem Sing Noun ENTOL8 = views as one**), that we believe (**Aor Act Sub PISTEUW = Subj used to indicate volition; Aor is point of time**) in the name (**reputation**) of His Son Jesus Christ, and love (**Pres Act Subj AGAPAW = present means to make it our lifestyle**) one another, just as He commanded us (**lit: He gave commandment to us**).

**C.T. = And this is His commandment that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He gave commandment to us.**

**1 John 3:24 = Fellowship**

And the one who keeps (**Pres Act Ptc T8REW = seeing as valuable**) His commandments abides in Him (**Pres Act Ind MENW**) and He in him. And we know (**Pres Act Ind GINWSKW**) by this (**keeping of commandments**) that He abides in us, by the Spirit which He has given us.

**C.T. = And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and he in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit, which He has given us.**

**Summary:**

1. **John views these two commandments as one showing each one's importance.**
2. **Belief comes first as the basis for love.**
3. **Love is to be the expression of that believed.**
4. **We are not just to be covered internally with a hidden light, but let that light be shown.**
5. **Obeying these two commands is the most important basis for abiding fellowship with the Trinity.**
6. **Confident assurance and peace in time results.**
7. **The Holy Spirit is the revealer of real truth and is the means of testing the spirits.**

## 1 John 4:1-6

### Warning against the Spirit of Antichrist

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  - C. Confidence before God 3:19-24
  - D. Warning against the Spirit of Antichrist 4:1-6

#### 1 John 4:1 = Warnings

Beloved (**AGAP8TOS = recipients of love, locked in**), do not believe (**M8 + Pres Act Imp. PIETEUV = stop believing; i.e. If you are**) every spirit (**Rev of information**), but test the spirits (**Pres Act Imp DOKIMADZW = keep on; used in testing of metals; to test for approval**) to see whether they are from (**the**) God; because many false prophets have gone out (**Perf Act Ind EXERCHOMAI**) into the world.

**C.T. = Beloved, stop believing every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from the God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.**

#### Summary:

1. The Gnostics claim to have the Holy Spirit and to have received special Rev.
2. We are to test “Revs” against the word of God.
3. The context indicates that the temporary gift of discerning of spirits was no longer functioning to a great degree.
4. The Believer becomes trained by the word of God and the Holy Spirit to discern between good and evil. Heb 5:14
5. Paul too warned against the savage wolves. Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 12:1-3; 1 Tim 4:1-3
6. The lies of these false prophets will be retained by the world and built upon and their numbers increased. (Perf tense) 2 Pet 2:1; 2 Cor 2:17; 1 John 2:18

#### 1 John 4:2 = Where to Begin

By this you know (**Pres Act Ind GINWSKW**) the Spirit of God; every spirit and that confesses (**Pres Act Ind HOMOLOGEW**) that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

**C.T. = By this you know the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;**

#### 1 John 4:3 = The Counterpart

And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

**C.T. = And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.**

#### Summary:

1. “Every spirit” refers to viewpoints that humans possess.
2. Viewpoints have an original source.
3. The viewpoint against the truths of Christ was already at work in John’s day.
4. “Unclean” spirits are demons who spread evil viewpoint. Matt 10:1 & Mark 6:7 cf Luke 9:1

5. **The confessions of the evil spirits in this passage are the lies and distortions they spread.**
6. **The test of cosmic viewpoint (not demon possession) deals with the basic truths of Christ.**
  - A. Hypostatic union.
  - B. Virgin birth.
  - C. No personal sin.
  - D. Came to deliver us from sins. Sole redeemer.
  - E. Death/resurrection.
  - F. Ascension/session.
7. **In John's day the lies were bold and thus this was the simple test.** (quickly tip their hand-remember they are liars).
8. **In our day of subtle lies we must be all the more discerning.** (they tend to redefine terms).
9. **Having a cosmic viewpoint does not indicate that a person has a demon. Cf Peter and denials.**

### 1 John 4:4 = Victory

You are from God (**Pres Act Ind EIMI = a fact**), little children (**relationship**), and have overcome them (**Perf Act Ind NIKAW = victory**; "them" refers to the "spirits" vs. the unclean ones and their life) because greater is He who is in you (**the Holy Spirit**) than he who is in the world.

**C.T. = You are from God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.**

### 1 John 4:5 = The Difference

They (**the spirits**) are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.

**C.T. = They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.**

### 1 John 4:6 = Continued

We are from God (**Pres Act Ind EIMI = fact**); he who knows God (**Pres Act Ptc GINWSKW = the one knowing**) listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

**C.T. = We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

### Summary:

1. **Our faith in Jesus Christ secures the victory that eternally overcomes the world. Cf 5:4**
2. **The indwelling Holy Spirit is the evidence.**
3. **In reality, cosmic viewpoints have been defeated as a child of God.**
4. **The Holy Spirit is our protector against invasion.**
5. **But He does not overrule our freedom of choice.** (some claim infallibility while "filled with the Holy Spirit" but are obviously wrong).
6. **The world offers personal fame, fortune, power and pleasure, so beware of its calling.**
7. **The world justifies hatred and hostility toward the brethren.** (often under guise of righteous indignation)
8. **The universal principle of verse 4 precludes a Believer from being demon-possessed, though they may be influenced.**
9. **John makes a statement that comes from a confidence in His relationship with the Lord.** (can you make it?)
10. **Beware of the lure of the occult under the guise of studying the enemy.**
11. (Is it becoming an all-consuming part of one's life? Is demonism an issue that seems to take precedence over service? Are you looking for demons everywhere? Are you giving them more power and prestige than they have? Do you fear them? Are you doing God's will or dwelling on the macabre?)

## 1 John 4:7-21

### The Nature of True Agape

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4. God is Love 4:7 – 5:12
  - A. The Nature of True Agape 4:7-21

#### 1 John 4:7 = God is Love

Beloved (recipient of love), let us love one another (Pres Act Subj AGAPAW = hortatory; moves from Imperative to denote willingness), for love is from God (prep. EK = from inside-out); and every one who loves (Pres Act Ptc AGAPAW = lifestyle) is born of God (Perf Pas Ind. GENNAW = has been born) and knows God (Pres Act Ind GINWSKW).

C.T. = Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and every one who loves has been born of God and knows God.

#### Summary:

1. This exhortation focuses on a willing obedience we should have to the Royal Law. Jas 2:8
2. It is personal evidence of our family relationship with God.
3. God is the ultimate source and example of love.
4. The correct knowledge and belief in His love are the basis for the Christian life, as it proves fellowship.

#### 1 John 4:8 = No Love – No Relationship

The one who does not love (Pres Act Ptc AGAPAW + neg. = a lifestyle) does not know God (OUK + Aor Act Ind GINWSKW = emphatic statement), for God is love.

C.T. = The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

#### Summary:

1. Those who miss the importance of loving one another miss out on an important segment of the knowledge of God.
2. The reason is that they are not really in touch with the totality of His essence.
3. And thus are out of fellowship. (out of synch-walking their own walk, not walking His).
4. It is God's love being channeled through us. Cf Philippians 2:13

#### 1 John 4:9 = The Eternal Purpose in His Son

By this (what follows) the love of God was manifested in us (actually: among), that God has sent (Perf Act Ind APOSTELLW = with ongoing results) His only begotten Son (MONOGEN8S = the one and only) into the world so that we might live through Him (Aor Act Subj ZAW = the potential).

C.T. = By this the love of God was manifested among us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

#### Summary:

1. In keeping with His eternal purpose of manifesting His essence, God sent Jesus!

2. The foremost attribute He displayed was His love.
3. His intended result was that all may partake. Cf 2:1-2; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9; John 3:16 etal
4. The life is not just eternal but temporal as well.

### 1 John 4:10 = Definition Of Love

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us (**Perf Act Ind AGAPAW + Aor Act Ind AGAPAW = not the response but the initiation is what it is really all about**) and sent His Son (**Aor Act Ind APOSTELLW = point of time, 1<sup>st</sup> advent**) to be the propitiation (**HILASMOS**) for our sins.

**C.T. = In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

#### Summary:

1. We need to follow God's example in what love is all about concerning the brethren.
2. Love initiates for the benefit of others.
3. Love is willing to sacrifice for others.
4. Are you willing to cross the line? (If not, that line will become a wall).
5. His display of love satisfied Himself. (its real display will lead to personal satisfaction even though it may be extremely difficult)

### 1 John 4:11 = Conclusion and Obligation

Beloved (**recipients of love**), if God so loved us (**1st class**) (**Aor Act Ind AGAPAW = the cross**), we also ought to love (**Pres Act Ind OPHEILW + Pres Act Inf AGAPAW**) one another.

**C.T. = Beloved, if (since) God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

#### Summary:

1. No personal cross is too much to justify falling this obligation. (cf with His cross)
2. Without an appreciation of His love our lifestyle will be one of constant failure.
3. Respond to His love and then initiate with it to others. (unselfish)
4. Would you innocently bear the blame for others, be wrongly accused, not return insult for insult and speak the truth in love, so that they might come to God?

### 1 John 4:12 = The Reason: Our Witness

No one has beheld God at any time (**full unbridled manifestation of His essence/glory**); if we love one another (**3rd class**), God abides in us (**not our life anymore but His-we have "died"**), and His love is perfected in us (**Perf Pas Ptc. TELEIOW = brought to desired result; His love manifested through His agents**).

**C.T. = No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.**

#### Summary:

1. We are the way God has chosen to manifest His love. (how are we doing???)
2. Our life becomes His life. Rom 6:1-7
3. The more God abides in individual Christians, the more we may see God at work in their lives.
4. Personal and corporate joy is only found in love.

### 1 John 4:13 = Proof of Godly Lifestyle

By this (**what follows**) we know (**Pres Act Ind GINWSKW = are knowing**) that we abide (**Pres Act Ind MENW = are abiding**) in Him and He in us, because He has given us (**Perf Act Ind DIDWMI = with lasting results**) of His Spirit.

**C.T. = By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.**

### 1 John 4:14 = Seen In Ministry

And we have beheld (**Perf Act Ind THEWREW = with lasting results as a spectator**) and bear witness (**Pres Mid Ind MARTUROMAI = are bearing witness**) that the Father has sent (**Perf Act Ind APOSTELLW = with lasting results**) the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

**C.T.= And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.**

#### Summary:

1. The Holy Spirit gives us the love in view. Gal 5:22
2. This love is displayed via evangelism.
3. This is further evidence for salvation, and the function of the Christian life.
4. Since God is also light, the Christian should spread the light of His love.

### 1 John 4:15 = Proof of Ministry and Result

Whoever confesses (**3rd class**) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

**C.T. = Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**

### 1 John 4:16 = Leads to Relationship in Time

And we have come to know (**Perf Act Ind GINWSKW = intensive; emphasis on existing results**) and have believed (**Perf Act Ind PISTEUW = with lasting results**) the love which God has for us (**Pres Act Ind ECHW = is having**). (**The**) God is love and the one who abides in love (**Pres Act Ptc MENW = ongoing**) abides in God (**Pres Act Ind MENW**), and God abides in him (**Pres Act Ind MENW**).

**C.T. = And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. The God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

#### Summary:

1. Fellowship with God is not maintained by keeping His light hidden. Matt 5:14 you are the light
2. Knowledge and belief in His love are prerequisites for the good confession.
3. Your ministry is one of the ways you know that God is at work in your life.

### 1 John 4:17 = Results: More Ministry and Confidence

By this, (**what preceded**) love is perfected (**Perf Pas Ind TELIEOW = brought to its desired end**) with us (**prep. META = agency**), that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.

**C.T. = By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.**

#### Summary:

1. Love is the proof of being conformed to the image of Christ, and being an imitator of God. Gal 4:19 cf Eph 5:1
2. Only in love is there confidence before the Lord at the B8MA.
3. Your love for God and others is what will set you apart from the rest. (sanctify-not knowledge)

### 1 John 4:18 = The Test

There is no fear in love (**judgment, doom, harm**), but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment (**KOLASIS = 2x; Matt 15:46; describes a process, not merely an effect; give no room for fear of shame; result of sin**), and the one who fears (**Pres Act Ptc. PHOBEW = lifestyle**) is not perfected in love.

**C.T. = There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.**

**Summary:**

1. Loving the Lord will remove the fear of standing before Him.
2. A lifestyle of willful sin will not let this love reach its desired result.
3. A life seeking to fulfill the two great commands will see this fear diminish into nothingness.
4. Do that which is pleasing in His sight and watch your relationship with the Lord grow.

**1 John 4:19 = The Correct Response**

We love (**Pres Act Ind AGAPAW**), because He first loved us. (**Aor Act Ind AGAPAW**)

**C.T. = We love because He first loved us.**

**Summary:**

1. This refers to our vertical response and horizontal initiation.
2. Our love for Him is our thank you!
3. This is the guide for our lives.

**1 John 4:20 = Example of Incorrect Response**

If someone says, "I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar; (**dogmatic assertion of fact**); and the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

**C.T. = If someone says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar; and the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.**

**1 John 4:21 = The Bottom Line**

And this commandment we have (**Pres Act Ind ECHW**) from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

**C.T. = And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.**

**Summary:**

1. The confidence we have in knowing that God loves us does not relieve us of responsible actions.
2. God's love for us sets us free to love our brother as God loves him.
3. The liar has not only spoken a lie but has divorced himself from the reality of God.
4. If one cannot love those whom God loves, He does not really love God.
5. Therefore the royal law is that commandment from which all other commandments flow.

## 1 John 5:1-12

### The Crucial Nature of Faith in Jesus

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  - B. The Crucial Nature of Faith in Jesus 5:1-12

#### Introduction:

1. This is chapter of faith.
2. It includes the basis, the crux, the results and the peace that comes with belief.

#### 1 John 5:1 = The Basis of Belief

Whoever believes (**Pres Act Ptc. PIETEUW = frequentive**) that Jesus is the Christ (**the Messiah, anointed one**) is born of God (**Perf Pas Ind. GENNAW = completed action with lasting results**); and whoever loves (**Pres Ptc AGAPAW = ongoing**) the Father (**d.a. + Aor Act Ptc. = the one begetting**), loves the *child* born (**Perf Pas Ptc. GENNAW = the one having been beget**) of Him.

**C.T. = Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God; and whoever loves the One begetting loves the One having been beget of Him.**

#### Summary:

1. The gospel is addressed to “whoever” so salvation is for everyone.
2. Faith in Jesus as Messiah results in a permanent birth from God.
3. Those who truly love God love His Son.

#### 1 John 5:2 = Experiential Knowledge

By this we know (**Pres Act Ind GINWSKW = academically from experience**) that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. (**Pres Act Ind POIEW = do; the knowledge is directly connected to obedience**)

**C.T. = By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments.**

#### Summary:

1. The test of the Christian life is love of the brethren.
2. Obedience to love one another is the manifestation of our love for Him.

#### 1 John 5:3b= Love is Obedience

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments (**Pres Act Subj T8REW = see as valuable, guard**); and His commandments are not burdensome (**BAREIA = 6x; grievous, heavy, weighty, that which causes a burden**).

**C.T. = For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.**

**Summary:**

1. **All commandments flow from the Two Greatest Commandments. Mark 12:29-31**
2. **Loving God and others is not a burden that cannot be carried.**
3. **It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Gal 5:22**

**1 John 5:4 = Faith is Victory**

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world (**Pres Act Ind NIKAW = conquers, overcomes, Rev 2-3**) and this is the victory that had overcome the world – our faith.

**C.T. = For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.**

**Summary:**

1. **Salvation is the result of belief that Jesus is the Messiah.**
2. **It is impossible to love God without loving His Son.**
3. **It is also impossible to love God without loving His other children.**
4. **His commandments deal with how to love one another.**
5. **Love involves action.**
6. **His commandments are valuable because they are the best course of action we may take.**
7. **Those whom you love are easy to serve**
8. **That which you like to do makes any pain in the process easier to bear.**
9. **Trusting in the Lord is the victory that eternally and temporally overcomes worldly viewpoint.**

**1 John 5:5 = The Crux of Faith**

And who is the one who overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of the God?

**C.T. = And who is the one who overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of (the) God?**

**1 John 5:6 = His Humanity**

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.

**C.T. = This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.**

**1 John 5:7 = The Role of The Holy Spirit**

And it is the Spirit who bears witness (**Pres Act Ptc MARTUROMAI**), because the Spirit is the truth.

**C.T. = And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.**

**1 John 5:8 = The Oneness of the Threefold Witness**

For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement (**lit: in the one; in accord**)

**C.T. = For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.**

**Summary:**

1. **That Jesus Christ was true humanity, born of water, is an important part of the gospel.**
2. **As well as the fact He was the sacrifice for sins for all time, signified by the blood. Heb 10:12**
3. **He was not just another good man.**
4. **The Holy Spirit as the revealer affirms these facts historically and spiritually. John 16:13**

5. **His presence in our life testifies to all God said concerning His Son.**
6. **The pure Son of God became the sacrifice previously and presently revealed by the Spirit.** (water used in purification rites in Old Testament –born of virgin)

### **1 John 5:9 = The Greatest Witness**

If we receive (**1st class-agents; since**) the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that He has borne witness (**Perf Act Ind MARTUROMAI = with lasting results**) concerning His Son.

**C.T. = If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that He has borne witness concerning His Son.**

### **1 John 5:10 = Blasphemy of Unbelief**

The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar (**Perf Act Ind POIEW = dramatic perfect; describes fact in a vivid way; the Perfect tense indicates a lifetime of blasphemy**) because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne (**Perf Act Ind MARTUROMAI**) concerning His Son.

**C.T. = The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son.**

### **1 John 5:11 = The Message of the Witness**

And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

**C.T. = And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.**

### **1 John 5:12 = Either-Or**

He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son does not have the life.

**C.T. = He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son does not have the life.**

### **Summary:**

1. **The Father told of His Son through the law, the prophets and the spoken word.**
2. **Our belief should result in carrying on the witness.**
3. **The unpardonable sin is to not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, to which God Himself bore witness.**
4. **There is only one way to eternal life.**
5. **You either have it or you don't.**

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### 1 John 5:13 = The Peace of Belief

These things I have written to you who believe in the (**reputation**) name of the Son of God, in order that you may know (**Perf Subj OIDA = from experience, comes from a lifestyle**) that you have eternal life.

**C.T. = These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.**

#### Summary:

1. John states the major purpose for writing this book. Cf John 20:31
2. He focuses on three guidelines for confidence concerning our eternal status.
  - A. God is light.
  - B. God is righteous.
  - C. God is love.
3. What we really believe we should live, otherwise we are hypocrites.
4. When God's love to you is truly displayed to others, your confidence will grow.
5. Experience will teach that God is at work in you. Cf Phps 2:13
6. Your love for God leads you to joyfully keep His commands. Cf 2:3-6; 3:22-23; 4:21; 5:2-3
7. Which involve practicing righteousness and avoiding sin. Cf 2:1; 3:4-12
8. Our hope as a function of love leads us to purify ourselves. Cf 3:3
9. All of these things are designed to build our confidence when we stand before Him. Cf 2:28

### 1 John 5:14 = Peace in Prayer

And this is the confidence (**PARR8SIA = cf 2:28; boldness**) which we have before Him that if we ask (**Pres Subj. AITEW = inferior to superior; potential**) anything according to His will, He hears us. (**stated in such a way that a response will come**)

**C.T. = And this is the confidence which we have before Him that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.**

### 1 John 5:15 = Love Response

And if we know (**Perf Act Ind OIDA = from experience**) that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked (**Perf Act Ind AITEW = the ones of eternal impact**) from Him.

**C.T. = And if we know that He hears us (in) whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.**

**Summary:**

1. **Boldness refers to the freedom of speech that we have before our Lord. (PARR8SIA)**
2. **This speech however should be from a humble attitude. (AITEW)**
3. **And we are expected to ask.**
4. **All prayer should recognize His perfect will, which we may or may not be privy to at a given time. (Divine timing)**
5. **We have the peace of knowing that He is listening.**
6. **God's word in our life is important to His answer to our prayers. Cf John 15:7; 1 John 3:22**
7. **God's loves to answer prayer because it again displays His love.**
8. **Always remember that our desire should be that "His will be done." Matt 14:36**
9. **He especially loves to answer prayers that are of eternally significant impact. (example in next verse)**

**1 John 5:16 = The Prayer of One Who Loves**

If any one sees his brother sinning a sin (**Pres Act Ptc HAMARTANW + noun = sinning a sin; lifestyle**) not *leading* to death (**prep. PROS = directional**), he shall ask (**Fut Act Ind AITEW = to superior; force of command**) and *God* will for him give life (**Fut Act Ind DIDWMI = promise**) to those who commit sin (**Pres Act Ptc HAMARTANW = sinning**) not *leading* to death. There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that (**strong neg.**) he should make request for this (**Aor Act Subj ERWTAW = as an equal**).

**C.T. = If any one sees his brother sinning a sin not *leading* to death, he shall ask and *God* will for him give life to those sinning not *leading* to death. There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.**

**1 John 5:17 = Footnote on Sin**

All unrighteousness (**ADIKIA = the comprehensive term for wrong**) is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death.

**C.T. = All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death.**

**Summary:**

1. **John gives an example of a very important kind of prayer that we should pray-intercession. (much greater than petition)**
2. **We are to pray for those whose lifestyle is that of obvious, ongoing sin.**
3. **Confrontation in love may also be necessary.**
4. **John looks at sin here in two categories.**
5. **There are sins where physical death is the discipline and sins where it is not.**
6. **We are not to pray that the Lord issue the discipline of physical death as that sets us up as a judge. (ERWTAW in v16)**
7. **We must never forget that we too are sinners. Cf Gal 6:1-2 1 John 1:8, 10**
8. **We basically are to pray that God gives our sinning brother opportunity to arise from the dead. Eph 5:14**
9. **A prayer that demonstrates true compassion for others is further evidence of your salvation.**

**1 John 5:18 = Conduct and Protection**

We know (**Perf Act Ind OIDA**) that no one who is born of God sins (**lit: all who have born from the God are not sinning**); but He who was born of God (**Jesus Christ**) keeps him (**Pres Act Ind T8REW = guard, see as valuable**) and the evil one (**HO PONEROW = the one who became evil**) does not touch him (**OUK + Pres Act Ind APTOMAI**).

**C.T. = We know that all who have been born from the God are not sinning; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.**

**Summary:**

1. **The part of us that is the new creation does not sin. Cf 3:6, 9, 15**
2. **Yet it is clear that our old self may. 1:8,10**

3. Satan himself cannot harm the new creation.
4. Jesus Christ Himself is our protector against Satan.
5. This should produce a peace of soul.

### 1 John 5:19 = Even in the Face of Opposition

We know that we are of God (**Perf Act Ind OIDA = by criteria set forth in this epistle**), and the whole world lies (**Pres Act Ind KEIMAI = to lay motionless; i.e. For God**) in *the power* of the evil one.

**C.T. = We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power* of the evil one.**

### 1 John 5:20 = Real Peace

And we know (**Perf Act Ind OIDA = from experience**) that the Son of God has come (**Pres Act Ind H8KW = is present; not referring to 1st advent, but His essence as God**), and has given us (**Perf Act Ind DIDWMI = with lasting results**) understanding (**DIANOIA = 13x; Mark 12:30 "mind"; a thinking through**), in order that we might know (**Pres Act Subj GINWSKW**) Him who is true, (**the true one**) in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

**C.T. = And we know that the Son of God is present, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know the true one, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.**

#### Summary:

1. Our Lord is with us always! Matt 28: 20
2. He has given us the ability (via Holy Spirit) to think through the function of the Christian life.
3. This understanding leads us into a deeper relationship with the Father.
4. No bilateral relationship exists with God and the unbeliever.
5. No greater peace exists in time than the faith in this permanent eternal relationship.

### 1 John 5:21 = The Warning

Little children, guard yourselves (**Aor Act Imp PHULASSW + reflex**) from idols.

**C.T. = Little children, guard yourselves from idols.**

#### Summary:

1. This verse also makes it clear that John is not talking about sinless perfection or that a Believer is not able to sin.
2. Idolatry stands in the way of peace of soul.
3. Anything put in front of God is an idol. (a form)
4. A twisting of God's Rev of Himself is also an idol.
5. Idols shut down our advance in faith, hope and love. Cf 5:4; 3:3; 3:1 et al