

1 John 1.

Read the chapter. Jesus:

- 1) was from the beginning;
- 2) we have heard (Him);
- 3) we have seen (Him) with our eyes, which we have looked upon;
- 4) our hands have handled;
- 5) He is the Word of life;
- 6) He (Life) was manifested and we bear witness;
- 7) He is Eternal Life;
- 8) He is Light and in Him is no darkness;
- 9) The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin/unrighteousness;

These things we **Know**:

- 1) That a righteous life indicates regeneration;
- 2) That we shall be like Christ at His coming;
- 3) That Christ came to take away our sins;
- 4) That brotherly love indicates that we have passed from death unto life;
- 5) That He abides in us by the witness of the Spirit;
- 6) That we have eternal life;
- 7) That our prayers are answered.

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

1 John 2.

Read the chapter. *If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (you have a lawyer, free of charge) And He is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.* This lawyer says to the Father **It is finished**; your sins are forgiven daily when you repent. And what are the commandments that are written on your heart and your mind: they are the Ten Commandments fulfilled in **Love God with all your heart, mind and soul, and love your neighbour as yourself.**

He that says he is in the light, and hates his brother abides in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hates his brother is in darkness, and knows not whither he goes, because that darkness has blinded his eyes.

John calls his Christian brethren he is writing to *beloved and little children*. He tells them *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.* The same things that satan tested Eve with:

- 1) *the lust of the flesh;*
- 2) *the lust of the eyes;*
- 3) *the pride of life*

These are the world. The world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides forever.

John tells us that in this world there are many antichrists but **The Antichrist** shall come. You can tell who the antichrists are now; they deny the Son, the same has not the Father: but he that acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1 John 3.

Read the chapter. The love that God, the Father, has for us that we should be called the sons and daughters of God! The world does not know us, because it does not know Him. We are the sons and daughters of God but it does not yet appear what we shall be. When Jesus comes, then we will be like Him; we shall see Him as He is.

For this purpose was the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for His seed remains in him: and He cannot sin because He is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother...that we should love one another.

That's why Cain killed Abel, because Cain's works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Abel obeyed God when he presented a Lamb as an offering (shed blood), but Cain presents fruits and vegetables (without blood shed). All of Cain's progeny died in the flood.

We **Know** that God loves us because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. It is our hearts that condemn us if we do not love God and the brethren. God is greater than our heart and knows all things. If our heart does not condemn us then we have confidence toward God. *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.*

1 John 4.

Read the chapter. We are to try the spirits and not believe every teacher that comes down the pike. There are many false prophets in this world. *Hereby know we the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the **flesh** is of God...every spirit that confesses not the Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is that of antichrist, ...because greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world.* One is the spirit of truth, the other of error.

*Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation (atonement) for our sins....we ought also to love one another. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit. Praise the Lord! ...Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the **day of judgment**: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love. **We love Him because He first loved us.***

If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loves God loves his brother also.

1 John 5.

Read the chapter. Faith and Love are the overcoming principles of overcoming the world and evil.

- 1) The love-life of obedience: *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments...his commandments are not grievous.*
- 2) The victory of faith: *For whosoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is He that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*
- 3) The divine witnesses in earth and heaven: *This is He that came by **water and blood**, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. From Adam came water and blood: Eve; from Jesus, the second Adam, came water and blood, the church when He was speared. For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the **Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost**: and these three are **one**. For there are three that bear witness in earth, the **Spirit, and the water, and the blood**: and these three agree in **one**.*
- 4) The witness of the Spirit: *He that believes on the Son of God has the witness in himself; he that believes not God has made Him a liar; because he believes not the record that God gave of His Son.*
- 5) The gift of **eternal life** through the Son of God: *...this life is in His Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life. ...that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the Name of the Son of God.*
- 6) The certainty of answered prayer: *...confidence that we have in Him, that , if we ask any thing according to His will, He hears us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.*
- 7) Dealing with the sinful brother: *If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he should pray for it.*
- 8) The believer's four-fold knowledge:
 - a) *We **know** that whosoever is born of God sins not; but He that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not.*
 - b) *We **know** that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness.*
 - c) *We **know** that the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding,*
 - d) *We may **know** Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.