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**THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF
JOHN**

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1 John 1:1

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An introduction of the Apostle John

John the son of Zebedee is believed to have been the youngest of his siblings, his mother's name was Salome. We see in [Mk 16:1](#) & [Mat 27:56](#) Salome accompanied the two Mary's to the Tomb of Jesus. It is thought she is the sister of Mary, Jesus' mother. We see in [Jn 19:25](#) four women are said to have stood near the Cross, the two Mary's mentioned above in Mark and Matthew's account, and Mary the mother of Jesus (then scripture says) along with Mary's sister (Salome). If this identification is correct that would make Apostle John the cousin of the Lord.

Zebedee was a fisherman but had done well for himself as they had [Mk 1:20](#) 'hired servants' and we also see the Salome was one of the women that [Lk 8:3](#), [Mk 15:40](#) provided for Jesus out of their means. John and his brother James left the fishing and his father to follow Jesus who was to name them 'Bo-aner-ges' meaning "sons of thunder". One school of thought for this name is both these lads were high spirited, impetuous Galileans, whose zeal was possibly undisciplined and sometimes somewhat misdirected.

There are three important occasions in the earthly Ministry of Jesus where John is mentioned in the company of his brother James and Simon Peter to the exclusion of the other Apostles. 1/ [Mk 5:37](#) the raising of Jairus' daughter. 2/ [Mk 9:2](#) The transfiguration 3/ [Mk 14:33](#) The Garden of Gethsemane. John and James were also as seen in [Lk 22:8](#) sent to to make preparations for the Passover Meal.

John is not mentioned by name in the Fourth Gospel though the 'sons of Zebedee' are referred to in [Ch 21:2](#), but he most certainly is the Disciple called the one whom Jesus loved (see [Jn 13:22](#)) who laid his head on the chest of Jesus at the Last Supper. He was also entrusted with the care of Mary Jesus' mother (see [Jn 19:26-27](#)) at the time of the sickening sufferings and Death of our Lord. John was also with Peter who ran to the Tomb of The Lord (see [Jn 20: 2, 8](#)) to find The Body of Christ "missing" and we see in [Jn 20:8](#) that John went inside the Tomb and 'believed'. John was also one of the seven Disciples that Jesus revealed Himself to by the Sea of Tiberius.

It is believed that John fell asleep at Ephesus, this was recorded by Polycarp who was the Pastor of the Ephesus Church at the time A.D 190. Irenaeus also wrote that John spoke The Gospel at Ephesus boldly and would not remain under the same roof with any enemy of the Truth. Irenaeus was a student of Polycarp, who was said to have been tutored by John the Apostle.

The purpose for [1 John](#) seems to be due to the activities of false teachers from the Church who were trying to seduce the Faithful in Christ, as seen in [1 Jn 2:18, 26](#). They had formed a group claiming they had superior knowledge than ordinary Christians. They claimed that one could be on earth as a sinless person, free from any worries of wrong doing. They deny the need for the Cross. These people were the forerunners of the group which was to become known a 'gnostics'. Gnostics believed then and today that the story of Creation found in the Bible was a lie and that God wasn't actually the one responsible for the

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Creation of our world, at least not directly. They claim the evidence of this comes from the imperfection, tragedy, and evil in our world. A good God could never have created it. Gnosticism says that humans are divine souls trapped in the ordinary physical (or material) world. They say that the world was made by an imperfect spirit. Hence John would not remain under any roof where these deceivers stood.

There have been many foolish and incorrect claims that John did not pen this Epistle or the other two letters along with Revelation. This is satan doing what he does making dead statements about the Living Word. Although no date is given it is thought that John was about 90 years old at the writing of the Epistles. John did not plant this Church but had been there for a very lengthy time and shows this by the affection shown in the writings. Also being the tender age of about 90 years old one can understand the terms used such as 'little children' twice, and 'children' no less than six times.

A writing, composed about AD 180, claiming to be an account of the travels and miracles of the Apostle John, it was released under the title 'acts of John' the author was identified as Leucius Charinus who held heretical views and denied the reality of God being born into a physical body. Books such as 'acts of John', are not from God, they are **not part** of the Written Truth. They are works outside an accepted canon of Scripture and in the broadest sense are writings of and from dubious authority. Howbeit on April 8, 1546, the council of trent declared the canonicity of nearly the entire vulgate which adds to the catholic bible these books..., Tobias (or Tobit), Judith Wisdom (or Wisdom of Solomon), Ecclesiasticus (or Sirach), Baruch, Letter of Jeremiah, Song of the Three Children, Story of Susanna, Bel and the Dragon, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees, Prayer of Manasseh, 3 Esdras, 4 Esdras. As soon as John passed on to be with The Lord satan attacked his credibility, the liar was also quick in adding as much confusion as possible surrounding the writings of our Lord's Scriptural Truth. Hence the catholic bible! mormon bible! muslim bible! shintoism and judaism bibles! And folks you can add the message bible and other grossly misguiding translations of the Word onto the above list. John uses terms such as "we" and "our" hands touched...which of course speaks of all the Apostles that had walked with Jesus (I believe this included Paul as he also saw, spoke, and was taught by The Lord).

It is to Peter, James and John that Apostle Paul successfully submitted his 'Gospel' for recognition. What position John held in the controversy concerning the admission of the Gentiles to the church is not known although according to the Book of Acts some of the head Apostles did not agree with Paul's message to start with. Over the past 2000 years some have claimed John was an 'anti-Paul' person, however this seems most unlikely as they also had the infilling of The Mighty Holy Spirit and all that they wrote agrees with which the Apostle Paul had said and written.

As we study this book I am asking The Lord for us to have the eyes of the first writers, to see all that they saw, as they touched, as they heard...to feel all that they felt... the good and the bad.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have Heard, which we have Seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have Handled, The Word of Life; John saw, touched, heard 1:1 That which was from the beginning Jesus is God and therefore has no beginning, this statement refers to the beginning of Creation. In his Gospel John goes back to a time before there was a universe (see [Jn 1:1-10](#)) In this his first Epistle he only goes back to the time creation came into being. He soul vision and purpose is on Jesus Christ. He is speaking only about that which concerns the Salvation process. **Westcott wrote that John's first Epistle was written to show and prove Jesus' Humanity 1:1...which we have Heard, which we have Seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have Handled,** He is maintaining the real Humanity of our Lord in these words, and the reason for this is due to the growing agnostic lie. They claimed that God could not come in the form of a human, how wrong they were and are. Today we have the same evil teachings going on. Kenneth Copeland claimed "the Blood of Jesus Christ did not atone for anything" Copeland mysteries teach the death on the Cross of Christ was insignificant and that any born again believer could die on a cross and achieve the same as The Lord. They claim Jesus took on the nature of satan meaning He was not just a sin offering but became 'sin' and went into hell as all sinners do at death. In hell He suffered the pangs and horrors which hell is famous for...then after a time of times The Heavenly Father Said that is enough You have paid the price required...They claim the Work of our Glorious Saviour at the Cross was in fact a work of defeat...this is blasphemy. As John was bitterly opposed to the gnostics of his time so must we be today as this is the place from where the antichrist shall arise. **1:1...which we have Heard** the word **we** means it was not just John who willingly gave their all to Him, at the writing of this Epistle all the other Apostles had been put to death, all but John had been slain. Even with his personal witness many would still rather believe the seducing spirits, and the doctrine of devils (see [1 Tim 4:1](#)) and damnable heresies (see [2 Pet 2:1](#)). **1:1...which we have Seen with our eyes,** He is saying I saw Him with my eyes, I confirm He was Born man! The Son of God, making Him 100% man 100% God. **1:1...which we have looked upon,** John continues this line of words, he saw Him, he looked upon Him, this was not just a glance, a mere passing of strangers. He looked hard at all that Jesus did, he saw many of the miracles, healings, deliverances etc...**1:1...and our hands have handled,** John had touch Him, Jesus was Flesh, made from that which we all are, His Hands, Feet, Physical Body, His Person...John is saying there is no doubt He was Human. **1:1...The Word of Life;** Jesus is called "The Word" He is the Second Person in the Godhead, we see in [Rev 19:11](#) And His Name is called The Word of God...And [Jn 1:1](#) says The Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us...In other words the Eternal Logos came to this world specifically for one purpose, and that was to die on the Cross for the sins of man in order that we may be Redeemed. What have those that speak lies seen? Touched? Or heard? Nothing!!! John and the other Apostles walked with the Word of Life. **1:1... The Word of Life** John uses the word...'**Life**'... as that is what Jesus is. Mankind lives and millions upon millions display a peaceful gentle human love, but even though they live they have no **Life**...man dies...but still lives as the spirit cannot die...for if one is not "in Christ' they live, but without **Life** forever. Jesus came to tell the religious Jews many of which were sincere God fearing believers that they had not understood the writings within the scrolls and were in danger of missing out on receiving The Life of The Spirit of Truth, they could not obey or reach the level of Holy Righteousness demanded to remove the sin problem.

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This of course is no different today, all other religions have heard or know about Jesus Christ but have removed The Power of what He did at the cross by paying homage to another god or goddess or super saint. Catholicism hinduism, mormonism, buddhism etc. Such beliefs and religions put themselves into the place of relying on their own love, peace, joy, righteousness etc. Which looks good but in fact is a living deception. We need to hold fast to the Work of Jesus and what He did at the cross. Amen. **1:1...The Word of Life** John could have called Jesus "The Son of God" but instead called Him "The Word". Son places Him and rightly so as The Son of God, representing The Father, Word places Him also rightly as the representative of The Father and The Spirit and all that has been created...His Word is Life...The Word transforms those that receive It inwardly... the Word brings the Power...the Word is Life. The Lord wants us to go deeper and deeper into the Living Words Power...to discover greater and mightier Truths about God and man...let us not hold back the embrace of His Holy Spirits guidance

Amen and amen.

1 John 1:2 (For the Life was manifested, and we have Seen It, and bear witness, and show unto you that Eternal Life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
The Life of Christ was placed out in the open for all to see. 1:2 (For the Life was manifested The idea is simple, God wants all to be Saved. Jesus walked on the earth showing Who He is by how He behaved, He Lived perfectly, Thought perfectly, Spoke perfectly, Walked within all that life could throw and yet never reacted negatively. Life's Power simply flowed from His Person which made others either love Him or reject Him. No one ever died in the Presence of Christ, no funeral procession past Him by without Life being given back to the deceased. He was so Pure and Good that death could not remain in His Holy Presence. Through out His Life nothing but Good Works and Mighty Miracles happened. Jesus, The Son of God was making visible to the human race the understanding of The Life which God Is...1:2... and we have Seen It, and bear witness, What John is speaking about...he has seen! All the Apostles were chosen to be a witness as to what they had seen, heard and touched. John wrote this sixty odd years after The Lord's Resurrection with pin point memory which we can all believe, but not due to his ability but to The Lord's Jn 14:26 But the Comforter, which is The Holy Ghost, whom The Father will send in My Name, He shall Teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. We are all called to bear witness but not as a religious loud sounding gongs, but as one taught how to share His Glory by The Spirit of Life.1:2... and show unto you that Eternal Life, Statement of Truth, Jesus always was and always will be, and it was the Apostles job to show The Eternal Life. The reason for The Lord's appearance on earth was to give the world this 'Eternal Life' by becoming the 'Source of Life' to a fallen, sinful, and dead in trespass race. Man had only one place to go until Jesus came as an offering for the sins of all. 1:2...which was with The Father, He was with The Father, is with The Father and apart from the horror but Mighty Victory of the Cross will always be with The Father. Jesus was without a beginning or an end, that which has always been and always will be Eternal, always with His Father...think about that, but for us He would never had said "My God, My God, why Hast Thou forsaken Me"? 1:2... and was manifested unto us;) The word 'us' I believe goes beyond the boundaries of time and embraces our spirits even at this hour. Through the Work of Jesus at the Cross all of mankind from the past ages onto the end of time will have the opportunity to enjoy the awesome Manifestation of The Spirit of Christ within them. However it was given to the Apostles to write, share, and prove His earthly Ministry, which they did marvellously loving 'not' their lives even unto death.

1 John 1:3 That which we have Seen and Heard declare we unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with The Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Seen, Heard, and praise God, He desires greatly our fellowship. 1:3 That which we have Seen and Heard declare we unto you John is saying that all must be shared with mankind which includes all his writings along with the other Apostles. Paul could not write as John, James, Peter, Matthew and Mark had regarding their on hands personal experiences they had with the Lord Jesus Christ over three and a half years. This for sure adds a much needed understanding of the Person and Character of The Son of God. 1:3...that you also may have fellowship with us: The deeper reason for the Epistle comes in one word 'fellowship' God desires this fellowship, this is one of the main reasons for the writing of this Epistle.

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The word 'fellowship' held a different meaning from the way we understand it today, AD 1611 the King James translation used the Greek word "**koin-o-nia**" which means 'belonging in common to, having a joint-participation with another in something possessed in common by both'. John is saying what we have seen, heard, touched, and we tell you about this in order that you may have with us a joint-participation with The Saviour. The word 'fellowship' today means 'companionship, social intercourse', it just does not make the Holy grade. **1:3... and truly our fellowship is with The Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ**. This shows the intent of The Holy Spirit to show us the Love of God through the Apostle. As we follow John's writings we should love what he loves being 'Righteousness' and hate that which he hates 'sin'. If one does not agree with John's 'love n hates' then such a person is not a child of the Most High God. The Holy Spirit is saying through John any reader that believes will have the same Spirit he and the other Apostles received. The only way one can believe is by going to the Work of Jesus at the Cross (see [Rom 6:3-14...1 Cor 1:17-18](#) just to name a couple of the many useable scriptures).

1 John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

We can trust what is being written, and John again uses the word "**we**" for there is more than one witness. **1:4 And these things write we unto you** It brings John and the others that have seen, heard, and felt the Truth great joy to speak on such matters. John wrote this many years after the death of the last Apostle which was 20 to 30 years earlier. A possible reason for such a late Epistle after the Resurrection may have been the opposition John faced that was forming in those days regarding the Work of Jesus at the Cross. **1:4...that your joy may be full**. This should have been translated "**our joy may be full**" John uses this expression 3 other times ([Jn 15:11, 16:24, 2 Jn vs 12](#)) Earlier texts have the words 'our joy'. The idea is that John is filled with Joy from the past events, and is still filled with this massive Joy when he writes, speaks, or thinks on such Glorious Truths. This is to show us that this Joy never runs out, the more abundant Life is Endless. The events of course were revealed to the Apostles through the proof of The Resurrected Christ, and the events are? All the sin debt has been paid for at the Cross which allows all the gifts from God to be given out to His children, all that The Holy Spirit does is through The Finished Work of Jesus at the Cross, The Resurrection happened because of the Cross. Man can do nothing but praise the Work of The Living God, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:5 This then is The Message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and In Him is no darkness at all.

God's Nature, essence, and Character is Light, darkness cannot and is not within Him. **1:5 This then is The Message which we have heard of Him** This is the True Message about our God. Jesus had told the Apostles all about The Father! And they are telling us...There is no evil In Him! Sin cannot come before His Holiness. Some teach "we all sin a little each day, and the only difference between the world and the Church is The Blood of Christ". This is of course a part truth, they forget that a true believer will not ignore the teachings [Rom 6:1-2](#) **What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that Grace may abound? God forbid, how can we who have died to sin live there any longer?** And [2 Tim 2:19...And, let every one that Names The Name of Christ depart from iniquity](#) The idea is God's children do not want to disappoint the Father. If The Holy Spirit Lives within you and the Work of Jesus is the centre point of your faith then you will never make peace with sin, settle in with sin, make

sin a friend, be okay with sinning, just go on sinning as though no war needs to be made against it, and nothing will come of it if we commit it. The present tense says: No, you can't do that, you can't make a practice of sinning like that, we are dead to sin and Grace gives us a way out from it, so God Himself forbids that we stay in sin, and it is God Who gives us the way to stop sinning. **1:5...and declare unto you, that God is Light**, Again John reaffirms this by declaring what they had heard with a solid unarguable statement of Truth. God is Light, and this speaks of the Spiritual arena, this is not the light that comes from the sun however I will use the sun to demonstrate my point. The hottest place on the face of the earth would kill a man within hours, he would roast, all the imperfections of the human body are realised in such an environment as being unable to stand such intense heat and light. God is Pure Spirit, Perfect beyond our understanding and a sinful man cannot stand before Him least he die. **1:5 and In Him is no darkness at all** This is John putting a full stop on how Holy God is! This means Light is God's very Nature. He is Light. Darkness is the absence of light the opposite cannot be said!

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have Fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the Truth:

Time to check out ones Salvation! **1:6 If we say that we have Fellowship with Him**, John is saying "your either in or out", fellowship is...a one way, but doubled lane road. John is not writing about the first group I am about to mention. I only write this to remove the wrong ideas many believers hold regarding Judgments. **1/ This group John is not writing about.** A great number of our brothers and sisters who really love The Lord repent from the same sin over and over again, these people do not gain any joy from the sin but are caught in its horrid craving. This is due to not understand the Work of Jesus at the Cross, as they keep relying on the flesh to get them out from this sin action, they are Saved but it is a constant grind. Sadly, many believers are in this state and we hold a level of responsibility in The Holy Spirit to show the law of Love rather than judgment. **2/ This second group is whom John is writing about.** Today the Church is in an apostate state and is growing worse each given day. Most of the church is being taught false doctrines, or part untruths and readily except it due to religious laziness. Many are happy to rest in the teachings of yesteryear refusing to except that The Holy Spirit is opening up greater and deeper Truths that will not just change much of what one was taught in the past, but in many cases completely remove such folly. They are rejecting the fellowship offered by The Holy Spirit due to fleshly pride and stubbornness. **1:6...and walk in darkness** John is saying there are those that are living in darkness, while at the same time professing salvation. The word 'walk' refers to the manner in which one orders their behaviour. No child of God sins habitually to the exclusion of Righteousness. What I mean by that is if sin is justified or pushed under the carpet then the conviction of The Spirit of God is not alive within this person and they walk in darkness. I am going to give some other words that lock into the word apostate... Renegade: betrayer of a cause... Turncoat: one who goes to the opposite side in a conflict or war.... Defector: One who abandons country of citizenship because of objections to its actions. Praise God, the good news is darkness can be enlightened. **1:6 we lie, and do not the Truth:** John was facing the beginning of the gnostic movement which was starting to teach that the spirit, soul, body and mind is inherently evil therefore we are just a mere container in which the human spirit resides and we can do what ever we so please as the Cross has given us everlasting life! This is wrong! The spirit of man cries out for deliverance. **Hebrews 4:12 "For The Word of God is Living and Operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to**

the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart." This speaks of the Ministry of The Lord Jesus as High Priest. The Holy Spirit is showing how Jesus The High Priest works with the believers' soul and spirit. 1/ We should be on the Alter of Sacrifice. In the OT the people would give the Priests an offering to be placed on the Alter. 2/ The sacrifice was killed by the use of a knife, piercing and dividing even the joints and the marrow. 3/ The body was skinned, stating that the sinner is naked before God. 4/ It's entrails were removed, stating that sin is not just skin deep but eats into the very vitals of man. 5/ The carcass was then placed onto the Brazen Altar where it was burned, which is a Type of Judgment of God. This was that which was to come upon Jesus for the whole Human race (The debt of sin was too much for us to pay so the Master paid it for us). As the sacrifices of old were divided by the Priests so that the joints and marrow were all laid bare and separated into two parts, in the same way the believers are now being divided in their soul and spirit through the Word of God by Jesus the High Priest. By this, the soul will no longer affect the spirit, and the spirit will no longer be controlled by the soul. The believer must come to the Cross, the Altar of the OT is the Cross of the NT. Unless the believer goes past the foundation of the Cross willing to be Crucified with The Lord, one's soul and spirit will not be divided by God's Sharp Sword, His Word. The church needs to let go of yesterdays teachings and receive what The Spirit is saying today! The laying on the Altar comes first; the dividing by the Knife comes afterwards. The Cross allows the Work of The Holy Spirit Who then goes about the task at hand, the Knife (Being The Holy Spirit) shows us our condition and the need to lay all we are over into The Lord's Surgical Hands, hence the daily Sanctification Process through and by the Work of Jesus at the Cross. The gnostic belief was wrong in John's day and the word of faith which holds many of the same views is wrong today.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the Light, as He is in The Light, we have fellowship one with another, and The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we walk in the His Light nothing can be hidden. **1:7 But if we walk in the Light** Millions claim to be walking in the Light but are not! How can we therefore be sure of our walk? The word 'walk' demands action on our part. **1:7...as He is in The Light** We may not be walking necessary in the same measure of Light but most certainly in His Light we walk! This means believers walk totally exposed to 'The Light' given to each one which is God's Truth in Spirit and Scripture. Light is Righteousness and sin is darkness. We can be sure of our walk as the Spirit condemns sin (darkness) and we expect His Judgment (Light). True fellowship can only be enjoyed when we walk in the Light as He is Light and no lie can live in such a Place. **1:7...we have fellowship one with another**, Two meanings, the greater is our fellowship with God and His with us. God The Father wants Fellowship with us tonight. Think about this! God Desired Fellowship with man but we rejected Him, it took His Son at the Cross to enable such! The second part is we can not have fellowship with Him as long as we engage within a sin relationship, we must declare our sins, truly desiring deliverance from them. **1:7...and The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** This speaks of the Cross, what Jesus did there for us! This does not say The Blood 'has cleansed' us 'or will cleanse' us but rather cleanses... meaning an on going cleaning, which demands a daily trusting in The Lord from all believers. We can only walk in the Light and overcome sin if we lay ourselves down on the Alter. The Lord is quick to forgive, but we must be honest to receive such a blessing.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and The Truth is not in us. The word 'sin' used here speaks of man's nature. **1:8 If we say that we have no sin** This is the sin nature, The word is being used in the singular declaring 'a sin' rather than acts of sin. This is what was passed down from Adam. In Christ we become 'a new creature' the old things have passed away. The word sin in **Rom 6** is mentioned 17 times, the Greek the translation in this Ch for sin is 'the sin'. Christians cover three natures **1/** Human nature **Gen 1:27 So God created man** **2/** Divine Nature **2 Pet 1:4...precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature** **3/** The sin nature **Rom 7:25 I myself serve the Law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.** As we studied above if we keep our faith in the Work of Jesus at the Cross the sin nature will have no power, and the Mighty Holy Spirit will go about changing us into the likeness of Christ. Yes our flesh has been twisted and much work is to be done, God shall do as He said and all we need do is follow His leading. **1:8...we deceive ourselves,** This is a one on one personal word, this is not satan or any other power but 'ourselves' our nature, the sin nature. **Jer 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it? 1:8... and the Truth is not in us.** This is saying if you do not believe that the sin nature is within you then you do not understand The Truth. Man sins due to his nature, God cannot sin due to His Nature. Paul wrote in **Rom 1:22 they became fools...changing the wonderful Glory of God for foolish self fulfilments.**

1 John 1:9 we confess our sins, He is Faithful and Just to forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The manual, the instructions on how to win! **1:9 we confess our sins,** This is speaking of acts of sin rather than the sin nature. Confess in the Greek is 'homo-logeo' meaning to "say the same thing as another" or "to agree with another" therefore confession of sin on the part of a Saint means to say the same thing that God says about sin, to agree with God as to all the implications of ones sinning. Do not take sin lightly, so serious is it that it took The Son of God to pay our debt, no confession equals no forgiveness, (this is not talking about confessions to another human!) **1:9...He is Faithful and Just to forgive us our sins,** One of the greatest promises of the Bible! The word 'Faithful' in the Greek is 'Pistos' which means 'True to His own Nature and Promises, keeping Faith with Himself and with man' **2 Tim 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains Faithful; He cannot deny Himself.** This is due to our wonderful Saviour **Heb 9:22 and without shedding of Blood there is no remission. 1:9...and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** The 'Law of God' was satisfied with Jesus 'The Sin Offering' which opened the door for A Holy and Righteous God to forgive man. This scripture is dealing with daily sin which is a matter between the child and Father, it grieves The Fathers Heart when we sin yet He is True to His Word to forgive. Before we act out in sin we should consider the cost of His forgiveness!

1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

May God forgive such an act of foolishness. **1:10 If we say that we have not sinned,** Sinless perfection is a lie! They deny man has a sin nature which makes man sinless. Equally the faith movement is also a sin weakening man made lie. **1:10...we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.** The Truth is not within such a person, they are alive but are dead. If one understands what Jesus did at the Cross sin becomes a harder action to commit. May God bless us all in or daily living...amen.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous:

‘Sin not’ it means just that, do not act out sins intent! A group called ‘gnostics’ were starting to teach falsely about all The Lord was, is, and is to be. 2:1 My little children, John was aged and held a fathers heart towards the believing Church. Jesus also used this term “My little children” These Words touched John and he is passing such beautiful words onto the Church of all ages. 2:1...these things write I unto you, that you sin not. This shows us that the Lord saves us from sin and not in sin. A believer should not be in sin! But if we do sin we have an Advocate able to lift us from that place. There is only one way a believer can live free from sin and that is understanding the prescribed order of victory given to man through the Work of Jesus at the Cross. Rom 6:3-5 Know you not, that so many of us as were Baptized into Jesus Christ were Baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death: that like as Christ was Raised up from the Dead by The Glory of The Father, even so we also should walk in newness of Life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His Death, we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection: This is not speaking of water baptism but a baptism into His death. Heb 9:22 There is no remission of sin except the Shedding of Blood. Our sin is remitted by the shedding of His Blood not water. When we as believing sinners evidence Faith in Christ, in the Mind of God we are literally Baptised into the Death of Christ and raised with Him into the newness of Life, forgiven, as if we never sinned. Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is Crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin This holds two great truths 1/ When one is saved all sins are washed away. All our evil acts are not just forgiven but forgotten as if we have never sinned. 2/ The sin nature is dead! Its power buried, Paul wrote in Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. Of course we are not dead so...this is speaking about the ‘old man’ our sin nature. All this is made possible by the Work of Jesus at the Cross. Rom 6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him The idea is we died with the Lord when He went to the Cross. Our Faith places us into the Crucifixion, Burial, and Resurrection. Our Faith must be locked into Christ’s Sacrifice. I speak of today/tonight not the coming Resurrection Gal 2:20 I am Crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by The Faith of The Son of God, who Loved me, and gave Himself for me. Paul is saying he lives...but not by or in his power...but The Power of the Crucifixion, Burial, and Resurrection that has already happened within him. It is at this point in a believers life if they exhibit True Faith in what The Lord has done, The Holy Spirit will Work greatly within that person. 2:1...And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with The Father, Jesus Christ The Righteous: Even when one fully understands the Truth of what Jesus has done the flesh has still been twisted by the power of the sin nature, which the Holy Spirit is correcting. We can and will slip however this should become more and more rare. One that understands The Power, and The Price of the Cross of Christ one will desire to please The Lord rather than to commit a sin which in turn brings death.

1 John 2:2 And He is the Propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

For God Loved the whole world! **2:2 And He is the Propitiation for our sins** God's Love has been made known in and by Christ. Man placed an obstacle before God, that obstacle was the broken Law and the guilt of man. The law cried out for justice to be satisfied, and the man's guilt needed to be cleansed away. Rather than demanding the penalty of man's woeful acts be met by His Fury which would have been right and correct to do so, He turned to the guilty and offered Himself as a Scapegoat. The Son left The Father to be humiliated, beaten, and then put to death, such Love cannot be measured. **2:2...and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.** Propitiation is as wide as sin, His Mercy is never ending. Scriptures such as this clearly end the predestination lie of God selecting some for Heaven and some for hell, such foolishness mocks the Work Jesus did at the Cross.

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments.

We do know! **2:3 And hereby we do know that we know Him** To know means one has a level of certain knowledge. This is an example of the gnostics writings in John's time "Not yet are we able to open the eyes of the mind and behold the beauty, the imperishable, inconceivable beauty, of the good. For you will see when you cannot say anything about it. For the knowledge of it is divine silence and annihilation of all senses. A great amount of words which say nothing! Offer nothing! Point to nothing! For a true believer Knowledge of God is not separable from the experience of God's Righteousness. True believers continually have theirs changed by the Power of The Living Word. We know because.

2:3...if we keep His Commandments. The word 'Commandments' used here is NOT the Greek word 'nomos' which translates into 'law' but rather 'entole' which refers to 'a charge or a precept' meaning do not only look toward what Christ did whilst on earth but hold Faith and obedience in the complete NT writings. John's theme here is victory over sin 'Jesus' way'. He is not saying try to obey the Law as Jesus nailed the Law to the Cross, rather obey the 'Law of the Spirit'. **Rom 8:2-3 Because Through Christ Jesus The Law of The Spirit Who gives Life has set you free from the law of sin and death.** The Gospel is not a Doctrine of the tongue, but of Life. It cannot be understood by reason and memory only, it is fully understood only when one allows it to penetrate the inner heart. Paul three time refers to the Gospel as "my Gospel". This Gospel was given to his fellow Apostles back then, and to the our Church today. That Gospel is the Law of The Spirit of life, which sets us free through the Work of Jesus at the Cross from the power of the law of sin and death. The Cross, The sacrifice, The Blood there is no other way.

1 John 2:4 He that says, I know Him, and keeps not His Commandments, is a liar, and The Truth is not in him.

How easy is it for people to use the Name of The Lord? Hence we must always test the spirit! **2:4 He that says, I know Him, and keeps not His Commandments** True Christlike living is the key. Look at how one lives, the picture of either God's Righteousness or man's deception will become clear. How does one order their home, the way they live, conduct themselves away from the Church? A person that walks in the Spirit will most certainly develop Christlike mannerisms, these stay alive in and out of Church! There are many that do Love the Lord but keep on failing, we must pray, and pray for them, whilst teaching Jesus at the Cross. However this verse is speaking of deliberately rejecting Jesus Christ. **2:4...is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.** These are those that will not believe the Written Word.

They cannot walk with the Spirit as they will not obey His Directing. Yes they may have heard the Word and eagerly excepted it however the Cross of Christ has become a snare unto them **1 Cor 1:23 But we preach Christ Crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness.** And this causes many to seek untruths to satisfy their foolish evil yearnings **2 Cor 11:4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.** They can teach on every type of baptism, the Lord's Table, Law, love n peace, The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or what ever...but if they do not understand the Power of the Cross they will preach inadvertently another Jesus, another spirit, another gospel.

1 John 2:5 But whoso keeps His Word, in him verily is the love of God Perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.

Simply stating 'We can keep The Word' **2:5 But whoso...** These Words destroy religious exclusiveness, whoso simply means...who ever! **2:5 keeps His Word...** The Word of course is the Old and New Testament. The OT was Fulfilled by Christ, but from such came the foundation for the NT. The story of the Word is in fact the story of the Work of Jesus at the Cross. **Jn 1:1 In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God.** This speaks of Jesus and The Word as being One and the same. **Jn 1:14 The Word became Flesh...** Jesus being The Word, being The Son became Flesh. **Jn 1: 29 behold, The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!** In these three verses we see the total plan of God. **1/** He is God. **2/** God had to become that which He had created...Flesh. **3/** The Perfect Flesh had to die to pay sin's debt. This also tells us that The Holy Spirit is so connected to Christ that they are as One...which means He Works as One with Christ exclusively for us, in us, and with us, within the parameters of the Finished Work of Jesus at the Cross. There is no other way of being changed into His likeness but through the Door of the Cross. **2:5...in him verily is The Love of God Perfected:** Great fruit comes to such people. God is Love...This means He will be Perfected within the believer! Perfect Love casts out all fear and opens the doors for Christ Likeness, which means we will uphold the Commandment of Love through the Law of The Spirit. When we yield to The Holy Spirit the Love relationship is brought together as one. Love is reciprocal, it requires two parties. On our part the yielding, a complete surrender, unto our death. On His part the Resurrecting of our sinless lives through the Blood of The Lamb. **2:5... know we that we are In Him.** John refers to **Rom 6:3 Or don't you know that all of us who were Baptized Into Christ Jesus were Baptized Into His Death?** We are In Him, it is by Faith in His Atoning Work at the Cross. Paul used the term 'In Him' 170 times, most Christians do not understand the serious meaning of these Words! If you hold to the teaching of the 'hedge around you' then you have not understood what being 'IN' means. The hedge = sin nature is alive, as the sin nature was alive Satan had a legal right to Job. Being 'In Him' = sin nature is dead, such a person is hidden in Christ. 'In Him' refers to the Work of Jesus at the Cross.

1 John 2:6 He that says he abides In Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He Walked.

Abides relates to a continued relationship and position. **2:6 He that says he abides In Him** John is stating "he that says" is a claim. Not one that necessarily is backed up by Truth.

The word 'abide' offers more than just a position but fellowship, communion, dependency, harmony, friendship. 2:6...ought himself also so to walk, even as He Walked. Our mannerism, how we present ourselves! This is a moment by moment action, in and out of the eyes of Church members! We can only achieve this walk if we rely totally on and in the Grace of The Holy Spirit through the Workings of Jesus Christ. We could write book after book on how Jesus walked upon this earth. This is proven in your hearts not by how you are seen in the church but rather how you walk in your home, playground, work place, judge ye yourself.

1 John 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old Commandment which you had from the beginning. The old Commandment is the Word which you have heard from the beginning.

Love never changes! 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, This is not a quotation as to obey 'a law' but an exhortation to walk as Christ Walked! We are to be Sanctified unto the obedience of our Lord. Jesus came to do the 'Will' of The Father not to work at being obedient, as obedience was, and is His Perfect mode of Being, and the Law His true, and Holy Nature! 2:7...but an old Commandment which you had from the beginning. This is John saying the New Commandment I am about to write is in fact from the ages past. 2:7...The old Commandment is the Word which you have heard from the beginning. This presents John putting an Old Truth in a new form or aspect in order to make it emphatic, forceful, and to prevent the possibility of an error or misunderstanding by the hearer or readers.

1 John 2:8 Again, a new Commandment I write unto you, which thing is True In Him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the True Light now Shines.

Light casts out all darkness! 2:8 Again, a new Commandment I write unto you This is the Old Commandment renewed and completed by Jesus! The OT commandment could not be truly acted on until Jesus Paid the Price. John is saying the Commandment is fulfilled in a true believer by The Holy Spirit and placed within our spirit which renews It and gives it Life. 2:8...which thing is True In Him and in you: Jesus has made everything new, every thing real for us. 2:8...because the darkness is past, Jesus is here, there is no darkness In His Light. We should by this time understand what being 'In Him' means!!!2:8...and the True Light now Shines. Not just here but over the whole world. He is all Powerful, all knowing, with a Complete and Powerful Presence that is felt over the entire universe, in fact a Presence that never ends. The Light Shines which means whosoever will can receive Salvations Understanding.

The Love and Grace of God towards all sinners Shines with The True Light. The walk in opposition towards darkness belongs to us, and He has made it easy, we oppose evil by turning towards Him James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. His Glorious Light transforms us into His Likeness where hatred can no longer live. Submit therefore to God Amen!

1 John 2:9 He that says he is in The Light, and hates his brother, is in darkness even until now.

Love is the answer, but it must be Godly Love! **2:9 He that says he is in The Light** Many claim such a high Truth. Light will cast a shadow if it cannot get through an object, the surface on the other side of that object will therefore receive less Light from reaching it hence less understanding with an increased inability to resist sin. Being in the Light means being In Jesus. **2:9...and hates his brother**, This presents an impossibility, one cannot hate his brother if one is In The Lord. Paul wrote in **Rom 12:9 "Hate what is evil"** and Jesus said in **Lk 14:26 If any man come to Me, and hates not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.** This seems to be a contradiction in terms! John writes you cannot hate your brother, Jesus states you must hate family, friends and even yourself...Hmmm, what's that about? Lets be clear no one loves you and your family more that Jesus! That must be understood and believed! He went to the cross for you, them, and I. There is a cost to being a follower of Christ's Truth and many start on the road only to **fall by the wayside as family**, friends and even one's self places man made obstacles in the way. I believe what The Lord is saying is that we must love Him more than we love family, friends, and even our own lives. Why Paul says **hate what is evil** is simply due to the fact that if we do not then it will end up destroying ones faith, we have no understanding about how evil our families and own hearts can be! But The Holy Lord does, and He will bless these hearts if we follow Him **Jer 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? The Lord searches the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.** Let us let Him be the heart changer! **2:9...is in darkness even until now.** Love and hatred cannot live in the same house...nor can a slight dislike be allowed to remain! This is the shadow that I wrote of above, it blocks the True Light dulling ones understanding whilst increasings the ability for sin, which in the end could even bring spiritual death. We must quickly right any wrongs and harbour no ill will. The good news is God used the words **until now**...The future holds hope for many positive changes, amen?

1 John 2:10 He that Loves his brother abides in The Light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

God's Love fails not. **2:10 He that loves his brother abides in The Light** In the Light means you are In The Lord and He is in you! The word 'Loves' as used here, is 'Agapao' which is the God kind of Love, meaning it is impossible for a man to have this Love as it comes from God. **2:10...and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.** Two meanings here **1/**such a person will not cause another to stumble **2/**Such a person has nothing in them that will cause themselves to stumble. Note: It all comes down to ones free will, we choose each day whom we will serve, God or the flesh.

1 John 2:11 But he that hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness, and knows not where he goes, because that darkness has blinded his eyes.

This is not merely walking towards darkness but rather being engulfed in darkness. **2:11 But he that hates his brother is in darkness**, This is speaking of someone who walked with Jesus! So much for unconditional security, one cannot have a brother In The Lord unless such a

person is of the family of God! This is a person who has allowed something to come into their heart causing a state of darkness, darkness is the absence of light!!! **2:11... and walks in darkness** Such chooses this undertaking. The word ‘walks’ is an action word which promotes a deliberate direction. Why? In most cases a religious spirit! **2:11...and knows not where he goes, because that darkness has blinded his eyes.** This speaks of the penalty brought on by their free will! They are lost! They are quick to run down, back stab, and ridicule others normally based on them not understanding ‘The Truth’.

1 John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven for His Name's sake.

Speaking to those that have not been Saved long. **2:12 I write unto you, little children,** In the Greek ‘tek-ni-on’ means “**little born ones**” John categorizes the believers in the coming verses by their spiritual level. **1/** In vs 12 the Greek word ‘te-k-nia’ means “**infants, new-born**” **2/** vs 13 the Greek word ‘pai-dia’ means “**little children, those able to walk and talk**” **3/** In verses 13 & 14 the Greek word ‘nean-is-koi’ means “**young men, those grown to the prime of life and no longer tossed about like little children**” **4/** In verses 13 & 14 the Greek word ‘pa-te-res’ means “**fathers, those who are matured in the Lord**” **2:12...because your sins are forgiven you** The greatest blessing anyone can receive. Jesus said it is finished and as long as we walk in His Spirit holding to The Faith it will stand finished always. **2:12...for His Name's sake.** This speaks of the Cross. It is due to the Powerful Working of Jesus at the Cross that The Father allows us to enter into His Rest.

1 John 2:13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known The Father.

It matters not how old one is this letter is for all ages. **2:13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him that is from the beginning.** John is speaking of spiritual maturity not physical ageing. These people have gone through many trials and temptations, and have gained a deep and lasting Faith In The Lord, they cannot be separated from what Jesus did at the Cross **2:13...I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one.** This speaks of those that have come to the place where they are living by and in The Power of the Spirit which brings a constant victory over the evil one. They have started to understand that all things come from the Work of Jesus at the Cross. They used to try and gain victory by works, fasting, prayer, and share determination etc. But have at last begun to understand what dyeing to self really means. **2:13...I write to you, little children, because you have known The Father.** The Greek wording used here refers to the training of a little child. These people are very young in The Lord. They need the fathers and young men to show the way. A major problem today is the modern Church lack such as ‘fathers’ and even ‘young men and women’ as the way of the Cross is not known by them. Yes there are many that have lived within the Church system for tens upon tens of years but are as little children, infants, babies in The Truth.

1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have Known Him that is 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 wicked one.

Note: not overcoming but overcome! Past history. **2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have Known Him that is from the beginning.** The Holy Spirit repeats Himself

Each word within the Bible is important but when The Lord repeats it in such a way we need to take note. This is being repeated as to show the ‘fathers’ that it is God’s prescribed order of the Victory that has gotten them this far. A place of total over-coming Power and Strength. This was a warning to them and to the mature Christians today, do not leave the teachings of the Cross for it is from there that all Blessings, Power, and Holy Spirit Living comes from.

2:14...I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and The Word of God Abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one. This is the same warning as that given to the ‘fathers’. They have The Word of God Abiding within them, they have overcome the evil one...and yet as the ‘fathers’ they can easily fall if they allow anything to replace the Work of Jesus on the Cross. **1Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly Says that in latter times some will depart from The Faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons** ‘The Faith’ is the doctrine of The Cross! You cannot have Faith In Jesus if you do not have Faith in the Work He did at the Cross! Everything comes from His Sacrificial Work.

1 John 2:15 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.

We are in the world but not of it! It kills it’s own without mercy or compassion! **2:15 Love not the world**, The system of the world. The word ‘Love’ used here is ‘Agapo’ and speaks of the ‘God kind of Love’ The Love used for a lost race of sinners, it is self-sacrificial in essence (see **Jn 3:16**) This is The Love that God is by His Nature (see **Jn 4:8**) and this is The Love that is within you and me (see **Gal 5:22**) We must be aware that this Love can be pushed aside today just as it was by Adam and Eve who walked in the Perfectness of God’s Person. **2:15...neither the things that are in the world.** John is not writing “love nothing within this world” such as the flowers, plants, animals, scenery, family and friends, be they saved or not. It is good to see the good in life but we must be wise and turn from that which creates foolish pride and feeds the flesh with evil desires. We are to be separate from the world but not isolated. **2:15...If any man love the world, The Love of The Father is not in him.** This simply states one or the other must go! If we place anything above the Love of The Father then we are worshipping an idol. An example from me is rugby, I love the game but I will not allow it to draw me away from The Love of The Father.

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of The Father, but is of the world.

God has no place in the world system. **2:16 For all that is in the world** The tree in the garden was called the “Tree of good and evil” and it matters not from which side the fruit comes from as it comes from the one same tree. This tree brings forth many good things but these things deceive mankind and the good becomes evil. So all that is in this world outside of what Jesus did at the Cross is evil. Remember before one is born again in the spirit they are dead to God...that means everyone and everything is dead until rebirth. **2:16...the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes** If The Holy Spirit is not in control then the flesh is, and one’s eyes shall look upon all types of sinful things. There are millions of Christians trying ‘not to look upon’ sinful things. They try ‘not to see’ that which is wrong, but fight a losing battle as their eyes are drawn to ungodly images. The ‘**Lust of the eyes**’ is caused by the ‘**lust of the flesh**’. The flesh has control because one does not understand the sin nature and how such is put to death and then revived by foolish allowances. Everything we have is due to what Jesus did at the Cross. Everything we are in The Lord without exception comes through The Person, Work and Ministry, of the Office of The Holy Spirit.

He alone can make us what we should be...and He shall, if we exclusively place our Faith in The Sacrifice of Christ, the work of Jesus at the Cross. Paul wrote [Rom 14:23... for whatsoever is not of Faith is sin](#). Paul without exception uses the word 'Faith' in regards to Christ. Throughout his Epistles he proclaims Faith in the Cross of Christ. Jesus died on the Cross not only to Save man from 'sin' but to save man from 'self'. Saved from 'sin' speaks of the initial Salvation experience, while 'self' speaks of our on going Sanctification. We have the sad ability of restarting the sin nature, digging up that which is dead. [2:16...and the pride of life](#), This is the core issue 'pride' John is speaking to 'believers'. This is where religion comes into its own. Religion cannot understand the Work of Jesus and drives the holder of such to argue over every Scripture due to foolish deadly pride. [2:16...is not of The Father, but is of the world](#). This refers to the source. Pride comes from the dying world whilst life comes from God The Father. The only way to overcome is keep the our eyes on The Lord, being openly honest to Him in every aspect of our lives. (You can't pass even a small lie by Him anyway...so... come on and get honest about your deeper desires, not confessing your dirty laundry to another believer but in private to Him, JESUS)

[1 John 2:17 And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does The Will of God Abides for ever.](#)

How quickly the world passes away, how quick one ages! [2:17 And the world passes away, and the lust thereof](#) What ever this world has to offer it cannot deliver. The human race has fallen. The devil rules by default those in this world that do not believe Jesus is The Christ. All that the world holds will be destroyed by fire and remade into that which God intended it to be, as even the ground even though it sinned not is unholy due to sin walking upon it! [2:17...but he that does The Will of God Abides for ever](#). Darkness does not, cannot, and never will rule over a child of God that has their Faith in the Finished Work of Jesus. Satan has no unsettled claim against this believer, all has been taken care of by The Blood of The Lamb. What does John mean when he wrote '[he that does The Will of God Abides for ever](#)'? What is The Will of God? [1 Peter 1:16-19 And if you call on the Father](#) (to do so you must be in Christ), [Who without respect of persons Judges according to every man's work](#) (What you have your Faith in), [pass the time of your sojourning here in fear](#) (Always seek His Mercy and stay in the Work of the Cross): [For as much as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers](#) (Religion kills, walk therefore with The Spirit); [but with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot](#). God's Will is that we give Jesus the glory and honour He deserves. God's Will is we recognize our inability do do anything of value related to our Salvation. God's Will is we place out Faith totally and exclusively on the Work of Jesus at the Cross full of thanks giving and praise. Then [we will Abide in His Love for ever](#). AMEN

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as you have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

The last days extend from Jesus' appearance on earth until today 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: 'It is' we can be sure we are in the last hour. The Greek actually reads 'hour' not 'time' which places the emphasis not on a particular, definite time, but upon a character of that particular, definite time. We are well within the last hour. This speaks to the entire Church from what Jesus did at the Cross until today however a greater emphasis is on the ending 'hour'. 2:18...and as you have heard that antichrist shall come, This speaks of the man of sin! The one Paul calls 'the son of perdition' this man Israel shall take as their messiah. Jesus said of him Jn 5:43 I Am come in My Father's Name, and you receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. This man will not be able to use the Name of the Lord, he will have no words of kindness about Jesus Christ, he will curse the Lords Holy Name with every type of cursing Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His Name, and His Tabernacle, and them that dwell in Heaven. He is alive today full of hate against The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 2:18...even now are there many antichrists; This holds a different meaning from the first wording 'antichrist'. This problem is one that the Church has had from the Apostles days. Many use the Lord's Name but are fakes Mat 24:5 For many shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. The translation would have been better to read 'I am of Christ' we see this so openly in the faith movement. They do not preach 'Jesus Christ and Him Crucified' so present to the people another christ, a fake, an antichrist. 2:18...whereby we know that it is the last time. This is the time of the greatest Apostasy ever known to man, where they will meet in massive buildings and call themselves the church preaching another jesus, whilst the world shall become as Sodom and Gomorrah.

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

Many claim to be the True Church. 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; This tells us that they once claimed Christ just as we do, but lacked understanding. However they denied the Cross and left separated from the Truth. 2:19...or if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: Jesus said the same thing in Jn 8:31 If you continue in My Word, then you are My disciples indeed; and you shall Know The Truth, and The Truth shall make you free. What is The Truth? Everything that pertains to the Work of Jesus at the Cross. 2:19... but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. The Holy Spirit drew the dividing line, He alone 'Manifests The Truth'. The believer should constantly seek His Truth, His guidance, if this is done then we are doing what Jesus said "Rev 3:18 Anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that you may see". Seducing spirits make what is not of God sound like it is of Him, and what is of God sound like it is not from Him, but if we are In Christ, locked to His Teachings, hence Christ Jesus Crucified then we will see and live in His Truth.

1 John 2:20 But you have an unction from The Holy One, and you know all things.

A true believer has 'The Anointing'. **2:20 But you have an unction** This of course means 'The Anointing'. In the OT the priests were anointed with oil only once on being inducted into that office. This is also true regarding believers today, we receive the Baptism of The Holy Spirit only once. However this Anointing is only potential, as in itself it offers no help to the believer. It is up to the believer to yield to God what is God's. The Holy Spirit is placed into a position of service but this must be called on by the believers Faith (**for it is only by Faith we please God**) Only those that have received Jesus can be Baptised into The Holy Spirit and 'I personally believe' this should be evidenced by the utterance of Tongues. Millions upon millions of God loving believers are filled with The Holy Spirit but have miserable lives full of failure on top of failures due to not knowing how The Holy Spirit Works! He Works only through the finished Work of Jesus at the Cross (see **Rom 8:1-2**). **2:20...from The Holy One**, Obviously speaking of The Holy Spirit. Everything carried out within and about the believer is by The Power of The Holy Spirit. **2:20...and you know all things**. The correct translation here is "You all know" The Saints are given the ability to know God's Truth and Will, there are no excuses for being deceived!

1 John 2:21 I have not written to you because you know not The Truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of The Truth.

John reinforces The Truth they know. **2: 21 I have not written to you because you know not The Truth** John is not writing to the lost world, but to believers. **I have not written to you** with descriptive words and stable arguments, I'm not trying to convince you of anything! I have not written to you **because you know not The Truth** rather I am confident that you understand this letter and walk in the Truth. The devil will do all he can to remove a child of God from The Truth of the Cross. John is saying you know The Truth so do not look towards anything else, as there is no other way in which one can be Saved or remain Saved, they knew that and we know it...Right? Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. **2:21...but because you know it**, That Salvation can only come by Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, **and that no lie is of The Truth**. There is no such thing as a part truth, it is either a lie or a truth. Many today enter into the true Church with a religious spirit and the leaders of true Church must be prayerful about such lest The Cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is The Christ? he is antichrist, that denies The Father and The Son.

Most of this will remain untouched ground by us tonight, as a book could be written on just this topic alone. **2:22 Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is The Christ?** This speaks of not just Who Christ is but what He has done! Anyone that denies Who Christ is and what He has done is not 'a liar' but 'the liar' and fits the name antichrist (The definite article appears in the Greek text before the word 'liar' transforming the word 'a' to 'the'...an article is like an adjective. Like adjectives, articles modify nouns). This is an act of total hostility and open opposition to Christ. The lie is set forth in its dark and concrete personality, in other words this is 'the lie of all lies' and tragically this is coming from within the Church.

2:22...he is antichrist, that denies The Father and The Son. The Holy Spirit is not being dainty with His words, no one that denies The Son has The Father. The word 'denies' used here is in direct contrast to 'acknowledge'...they will not believe Jesus is the Christ, The Son of God! **Jude vs 4** tells us the same thing, but with a warning! **For certain men have**

crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn The Grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Did you see the warning? 'Crept in' and 'unnoticed'!!!

1 John 2:23 Whosoever denies The Son, the same has not The Father: he that acknowledges The Son has The Father also.

You can only deny that which you have heard of! **2:23 Whosoever denies The Son, the same has not The Father:** If you deny Jesus you deny The Father, for it is through The Lord Jesus one comes to The Father **Jn 14:6 Jesus Said to him, "I Am The Way, The Truth, and The Life. No one comes to The Father except through Me.** God The Fathers pathway for man to come and know Him is through His Son Jesus Christ, and this pathway is the Cross. **2:23... he that acknowledges The Son has The Father also.** To acknowledge is to confess (and it is a good confession) The Greek word for confess is 'homologeō' and means 'to speak the same thing as another, to agree with that person' in our case it is to agree with the Written Word, the Living Word, and each other, that Jesus Christ is The Son of God who died on the Cross and three day later Rose again and is today sitting at the Right Hand side of God The Father. **He is Alive!** Hallelujah

1 John 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning. If that which you have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, you also shall continue In The Son, and In The Father.

Hold fast to "The Truth" **2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning.** When one is Saved they have no... or very little perceptive of 'The Truth' which means no real understanding of the way in which they are to maintain their walk. The sin nature, world, and satan all work to bring such a person down...religion is a great tool! At the 'Born again' stage one is given a Love for the word, reading, talking to other believers, praying... all becomes easy...held with a glorious passion. However if one does not develop pass this initial point eventually by being taught about the what Jesus did on the Cross one will stumble and fall, their task or Christ like life becomes a monumental weight of religion. This is where the help of the five fold ministries, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers comes into being. **2:24...If that which you have heard from the beginning shall remain in you,** You have heard! You have believed! The first and only Truth! The Work Jesus did at the Cross! This must remain in you... remain means to allow to abide...and that which abides is The Truth, and Truth is The Spirit. **2:24...you also shall continue In The Son, and In The Father.** There is an opposite to continue which is to stop, abandon, or end. This is a Church, and we must teach the Truth! A child of God must be lifted up in The Faith, walking in The Lord, dying to self. If He remains in you then there is much gain, great is such a life.

1 John 2:25 And this is The Promise that He has Promised us, even Eternal life.

God never breaks a promise. **2:25 And this is The Promise that He has Promised us,** **1/** God's Promises are Sure and True **2/** God's Promises are to 'whosoever' will respond **3/** Not all His Promises happen when we feel they should...but happen they shall! **2:25...even Eternal life.** The word 'even' points to the greatest Promise of all time, never again to be alone, fearful, lost and down, no more sin, satan, or darkness. All that Jesus did at The Cross was for sinners, He did not do it for Himself, for the angels of Light, or for those in Heaven.

1 John 2:26 These things have I written to you concerning them that seduce you.

Reminder: this is a warning! You can give your Salvation away! 2:26 These things have I written unto you The Holy Spirit has guided John to write on a few subjects which all come back to false doctrines and teachers. 2:26...concerning them that seduce you. These are people that use scripture with carnal knowledge, they seek to be leaders in The Lord's Church desiring their words to be heard. The word seduce in the Greek means 'to go astray, wander, to err from Truth' again a warning for us as a Church.

1 John 2:27 But The Anointing which you have received from Him Abides in you, and you need not that any man teach you: but as the same Anointing Teaches you of all things, and is Truth, and is no lie, and even as it has taught you, you shall abide In Him.

The Truth and Anointing are permanent. 2:27 But The Anointing which you have received This is an absolute fact you have been Anointed. 2:27...from Him Abides in you, The Holy Spirit did not come to Anoint as He 'IS' The Anointing. What I mean is: if The Holy Spirit Anointed you, you would 'be the power' but it is Jesus Who Anoints us...with The Holy Spirit so He is the Power. God Anointed Jesus, and Jesus Anoints us. Acts 10:38 How God Anointed Jesus of Nazareth with The Holy Ghost and with Power. And for us 2 Cor 1:21-22 Now He Who establishes us with you In Christ and has Anointed us is God, who also has Sealed us and given us The Holy Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. 2:27...and you need not that any man teach you: We need The Teacher folks! Eph 4:11-12 And He gave some, Apostles; and some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the Saints, for the Work of the Ministry, for the edifying of The Body of Christ: The Lord fills certain people who have an Anointing to teacher, remember as above they are not the anointed one but rather filled by The Anointed One! They speak His Word as best they can and the listener must allow The Holy Spirit to decipher the correct portion of the teaching for the individuals. They must then take this Word and work with The Lord on and in it. This is what 'being In Christ means'. 2:27...but as the same Anointing Teaches you of all things, and is Truth, and is no lie, The Anointing is a Person being The Holy Spirit. He always has taught us and He always will. As we walk in the Work of the Cross we will have His Peace which removes the power of the lie. 2:27...and even as it has taught you, you shall abide In Him. We are alive to Spiritual insight. This can only come from God, and God alone hence 'you need no man to teach you' for God will make the pathway straight. Make the Cross of Christ your spiritual Home and you shall forever abide In Him.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide In Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Have Faith in Jesus, in who He is and what He has done. 2:28 And now, little children, abide In Him; To do so we must bear-fruit, we must deny ourselves and take up our cross, which means being Baptized into His death. The fruit-bearing we must do is offer ourselves to God so that the tree of good and evil can be removed, and that we are stripped spiritually naked before God allowing Him to show us His Truth...Jesus. 2:28...that when He shall appear, Another warning, He is coming back soon and we need to be awake in the Spirit. 2:28...we may have confidence, This is the heart attitude of the believer, the Saint who lives so close to The Lord that there is nothing between them. Such a Saint has yielded and is dependent on The Holy Spirit Who reveals sin within the Saint and by Holy Grace deals with the sin there and then, meaning Grace and Forgiveness along with the desire to halt such sin ix alive and well in such a person!

2:28...and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. There is nothing of 'known sin' in the Saints life when the Rapture happens. The Saint has fought the good fight of Faith and maintained Faith in the Work of Jesus at the Cross, we will not be ashamed. However there is another side to these words: I am speaking of believers that will be ashamed. Their Salvation is secure but they will lose the reward **1 Cor 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be Saved; yet so as by fire.** This does not have to be! Folks give everything up for Jesus...Everything...A "temporary loss" on earth is but a small thing! It really doesn't seem to qualify for the eternal Blessings one shall receive. **Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this The Judgment:** There are no second chances after death to appease Christ, there is no second chance to go back and do it over, after death it is final! That which you receive is final.

1 John 2:29 If you know that He is Righteous, you know that every one that does Righteousness is born of Him.

We know He is Righteous! **2:29 If you know that He is Righteous** This speaks of what Jesus did on earth as The Man. Unlike Adam Jesus was found to be Righteous, Perfect in all His ways, and able to pay the sin debt. **2:29...you know that every one that does Righteousness is born of Him.** **1/** Christ is The Righteousness **2/** Being Born-Again makes one righteous in His Righteousness. **3/** Righteousness acts out and proves within the believer the New Birth process. All New Born believers understand they need to be righteous...it is how they attain it that matters...It can only be done through The Power of Jesus at the Cross...We must say no to our own strength and yes to The Holy Spirit through The Blood of The Lamb daily. And we must teach this Truth. Amen.

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of Love The Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew Him not. God's Love can only be known through the Cross. 3:1 Behold, what manner of Love the Father has bestowed upon us The world cannot have this love. The word behold demands we consider His Love! John is speaking here of Love in 'kind' and 'degree.' In 'kind' the most tender and most ennobling, in adopting us into His Family, in allowing us to call Him Father! In 'degree' the most exalted, for there is no higher Love than this that can be shown adopting a friendless orphan, and giving them a home and a Parent. We who were so ungrateful, hateful, rebellious sinners, He Loved and Loves. This has been bestowed upon us making us Saints by what He did at the Cross. 3:1...that we should be called the sons of God We are family! Adopted by God, Born-Again, given life after failure. 3:1...therefore the world knows us not, because it knew Him not. This means the world will not recognize us as children of The Loving God. The world will not recognize the King of Glory nor will religion...To have a Loving relationship as a child towards The Father one must have true companionship with Him and a divorce from the world.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, we are now the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He Is

Our eyes shall behold His Glory. 3:2 Beloved, we are now the sons of God, The resurrection of the Saint will not make anyone any more a child of God than they are today as in the spirit we are complete! How? By the Work of Jesus at the Cross. 3:2... and it does not yet appear what we shall be: It has not yet been made manifest or visible that which we shall be. This is beyond our comprehension. Our bodies shall be Glorified with His Glory. 3:2...but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; John is speaking of the physical change, we will no longer be sinful flesh. Phil 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His Glorious Body, according to the Working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself. This is Love, we will be Like our Father. 3:2...for we shall see Him as He Is Our eyes will be able to look upon Him as we have been Glorified In Him.

1 John 3:3 And every man that has this hope In Him purifies himself, even as He is Pure. This speaks of the truly Saved! 1 Jn 3:3 And every man that has this hope The world is full of 'hope' but John states 'This Hope' that which comes from The Son of God Who gave His Life for us. 3:3...In Him Being In Him means Faith in His Work, Who He is and What He has done for us! 3:3...purifies himself This does not mean 'we purify ourselves in our power' but by Faith 'In Him' we are purified by the Blood, and Sanctified by The Holy Spirit Working through The Blood which was poured out at the Cross for whosoever will believe! To try and purify oneself outside of the Cross insults The Lord and nullifies the Workings of the Cross which prevents The Holy Spirit from doing that which He desires within such a believer. 3:3...even as He is Pure. This is Christ...our example! 'Pure' in the Greek is 'hagnos' and means 'without sin of any description' God The Father is called 'hagios' meaning 'Holy' but He is never called 'hagnos' as Jesus had the human experience, however The Father most certainly experienced many things through His Son!

1 John 3:4 Whosoever commits sin transgress also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

All sin is a violation of the law of God. **3:4 Whosoever commits sin** This is speaking of allowing ones sin nature to rule, when a Christian invites works they invite failure. True Christians do not habitually and wilfully sin. A Christians goal should be to pursue Christ onto victory which is found in the Cross of Christ. **3:4...transgress also the law:** Or acts lawlessly against the moral Law of God. The Law has been totally satisfied In Christ, He kept it perfectly **Gal 3:13-14 Christ has Redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangs on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the Promise of The Spirit through Faith.** The only way to keep the law is by being in Christ Jesus, being covered by His Person! **3:4...for sin is the transgression of the law.** This plainly tells us what sin is! This is not speaking of an act of sin but the nature of sin: in this verse the definite article is used placing 'the' before sin. **Rom 8:2 For the Law of The Spirit of Life In Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.** This is the Law we need to live in and by. The Law is In Christ and **Rom 8:2** is the only Law that has made us free! The sin is any rebellious act against God prescribed order...being The Cross.

1 John 3:5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and In Him is no sin.

Jesus came to pay the sin debt. **3:5 And you know that He was manifested** This speaks of Jesus becoming Flesh, the Incarnation, the only answer for sin was seen by man's eyes. **3:5...to take away our sins;** Man was so lost in sin that death was and is the only road sinful flesh could walk on until Jesus paid the Price. We should not practise that which Jesus paid such a high Price to take away. Jesus gave Himself up to a life of poverty, shame, sorrow, and to a most bitter death on the Cross, He did this to set us free from sinful bondages! So how is it possible for one to say I love Jesus and then willingly indulge whole heartedly and so ungratefully in sins massive swimming pool? **3:5...and In Him is no sin.** He alone was and is Pure and Spotless, able to take away the sins of the whole earth. The idea is we should desire to be like Him!

1 John 3:6 Whosoever abides In Him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen Him, neither known Him.

We do fall, but rarely and we should always strongly regret such an act! **3:6 Whosoever abides In Him sins not** This must be understood according to the original Greek language. John is not teaching sinless perfection, he is rather speaking of a character, a habit. Four great addictions being drugs (includes cigarettes, and prescribed drugs), alcohol, porn, and gambling all can cause a believer pain but they should never be excepted by the believer, one should strongly desire Holy living. A Christians habit should be formed In Christ not in an addiction, folks, The Cross is the only answer for such sin habits! **1/ Mat 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."** Just get through today! Trust Him for this and tomorrow! Each day give yourself to Jesus! Each day pray "Lord, put me on the sacrificial table! Each day put to death my desire and will! Each day deliver me from sins weakness. **2/ 1 Cor 2:2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.** Each day live in this place, He paid the Price for every day. It must be His Way, His Will.

3/ 1 cor 1:17... lest the Cross of Christ should be made of no effect. One must be honest with The Lord confess where Faith lacks, where the inability to beat sin exists, where the love for a particular sin at times overcomes The love of The Lord, be honest, Lord aid me to despise such sin. where the love of the world holds a stronghold trust Him and worry not for He shall deliver a true seeker of The Faith in His time, remember in Truth He has already done it at The Cross 3:6...whosoever sins hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Again this could just as well say "he who habitually sins..." Remember John is not writing to the world but to the Church. Surly true characteristics of a Christian must be to 1/ Love the Lord. 2/ Hate sinful actions that moves one away from His Love. He does not nor will He ever give up, but we do! We move away and this is where deaths hold 'can' slowly close such a person down! If anyone should continue in deliberate sin without care then such a person has not and does not know The Lord.

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as He is Righteous.

The devil tries to deceive one into thinking there is no hope! It is a lie! 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you This is saying that in fact one can be deceived! This makes it so important that this Church, our Church, preaches the Word without fear or compromise and at all times surrenders the leading to The Holy Spirit. We must maintain the teaching of Faith in that which lines up with 'Jesus Christ and Him Crucified' otherwise it is not "The True Faith". 3:7...he that does righteousness is righteous, even as He is Righteous. Let the righteous be yet still more Righteous, and the wicked yet still more wicked, Proper Faith always brings about God's Righteousness. Jesus by the way of the Cross has made this possible, Eternal Righteousness.

1 John 3:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose The Son of God was Manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. This tells us where 'the sin' came from, where man got 'the sin nature'. 3:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; John's writing is in progression, he begins with the sinfulness of sin, which is lawlessness, which is rebellion against God (see 1 Jn 3:4). He then shows incomparability with Christ as He appeared to 'take away our sins'! (see 1 Jn 3:5) Then he shows the impossible act for anyone that is In Christ to continue in such sin (1 Jn 3:6) and here he is showing the source from where such an act comes from. The word 'commits' in the Greek is 'poiao' and means 'he who is continually doing sin, he that makes it his practise to do so'. This covers millions of religious people, the Church is full of such folk. All sin, all fall short of the Glory of God but a true Christian shall always seek with a Righteous desire The Lord with complete honesty in all things. 3:8...for the devil sinned from the beginning. The devil was originally pure before God but pride through his free will allowed his rebellious act to become 'the sin'. 3:8...For this purpose The Son of God was Manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. This speaks of the Cross, that which Jesus did there. He who follows the devil will go down with him, but he who places their Faith in Jesus' Work will find Power in that Work to eventually realize they are indeed an overcomer, so tire not, call on The Name of The Lord in honesty of heart. Jesus destroyed the works of the devil at the Cross. Jesus did not do this due to a ransom owed to the devil! God owed the devil nothing and nor did or does man! There was a monstrous debt owed, but this was to God and to Him alone by man. We owed a massive debt that we could not pay!

Man is under bondage today to Satan not due to the sin debt but refusal to except what Jesus has done at the Cross, the blood of sheep, bulls, goats, lambs, and turtle doves could not take away sin but they allowed a believer to receive Grace, under the NT we are In Him and the sin debt is paid in full.

1 John 3:9 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.

Born of God equals regeneration, Seed of God equals The Word in the believe, yahoo!**3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin** This speaks about habitually practising in, the Greek text translates to such. We are told to "sin not" yet John wrote if any man sin we have an advocate with The Father in Jesus Christ. What is being said is 'do not allow the 'sin nature to have life again'! **Rom 6:12 Let not sin (means sin nature) therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lusts thereof.** One does not obey an act of sin as one is already doing it... this is speaking of the sin nature which brings life to the fleshly desire...don't give it life, its dead. **Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.** This demands Faith the Work of Jesus at the Cross which allows the Holy Spirit to put to death all that is unholy which is the Sanctification process working (Sanctification simple means...to be set apart exclusively for God.) Most Church goers do not understand what this means 'being set apart'...If your In Christ and He is In you then you are Holy, Pure, Clean and shining the Light of the Spirit. **3:9...for His Seed remains in him** The Seed is the Word of Life, also called The Truth, The Light, The Commandment, The Seed is not just a beginning of Life...He is Life and He will never die, never desert, never give up. **3:9...and he cannot sin, because he is Born of God.** Simple when one searches God out through the Cross one will eventually find sin repulsive, even that which one used to practise with a strong desire.

1 John 3:10 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.

Sin will be found out, you can be sure of that! **3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil:** One can not be half and half or hot and cold. **3:10...whosoever does not Righteousness is not of God,** A believer that does not live a Righteous life cannot be in Christ! we must do what is Right In Christ. The Righteousness I speak of comes 100% from God not man. Righteousness can not be earned or driven by man. Jesus came to give to the children of the devil His Righteousness...think about that statement! **3:10... neither he that loves not his brother.** A believer without love is also without Christ! The Second Commandment by living within this you know you are a child of God! Righteousness and Love cannot be separated. If you Love your brother you will act Righteously and not sin so as to preserve both yourself and your 'weaker' brother/sister.

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

Understand the Cross and you understand His Love. **3:11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning** Love has always been God's message, we are to love all mankind regardless as to what they have done! But especially the saints. **3:11...that we should love one another.** This is not a hallmark but that which God is! He is Love, He is in us so we must Love...amen?

1 John 3:12 Not as cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's Righteous.

Evil vs Good **3:12 Not as cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother.** cain was religious and religion kills, it is full of self desires and hate. he sacrificed to God, but by his rules! cain is a picture of the religious world, lier's, thief's, and murders. **3:12... And wherefore slew he him?** Cain slew his brother simply because he belonged to the devil! cain did not become a child of the devil by killing Abel, he was a murderer before he even committed the crime. **3:12...Because his own works were evil,** cain had no regard for Abel as a family member or a brother in The Faith because he could not except the Blood Sacrifice which speaks of the Cross, cain's heart intended evil before he killed Abel!. **3:12...and his brother's righteous.** Religion hates God's Righteousness! cain's evil intent was simply because Abel walked with God. Abel obeyed The Lords directions, he understood that Grace and Mercy flow from the same place...the Blood of The Lamb.

1 John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

The word 'If' and 'you' are important **3:13 Marvel not** This is not as above where religion is the separating line, this is your wordly family, friends etc...Do not be surprised when you are rejected by those that stood by you! Once one comes to Christ in Truth the world will pull back, they do not understand the reason for their action but it stems from the Cross, man cannot except such, man cannot except they owe Christ, man cannot except that Jesus had to die due to them being inherently wicked! **3:13...my brethren,** This is a strong statement John is showing 'We are family' closer even than the 'wordly' biological family members. **3:13...if the world hate you.** This does not state you will be hated but 'If' and this comes down to two things **1/** your walk with Christ, hence: your calling! **2/** and that which the Holy Spirit knows is in the best interest for you...John did not say they will hate the Church but 'you' for your the one that has the power to show them the Living Word by how you live, speak, and openly reveal His Love! 'If you do so' for a time of times you 'may' be subjected to all types of abuse.

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto Life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death.

Love-hate, hot-cold, no 50 percenters, your either in or out. God will not tolerate lukewarm believers. **3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto Life, because we love the brethren.** In the Greek it reads 'the death...The Life' it means the same but I feel it adds a stronger emphasis. For Jesus is 'The Life' and satan is cold, defeated, death. If one is Born-again and follows after the Work of Jesus at the Cross one will not be able to escape the awesome Love of God which is witnessed within each Saint. **3:14...He that loves not his brother abides in death.** John is saying the same thing again but in reverse, turned upside down! Look at your heart! Do you love ALL your brothers and sisters in Christ? Do you gossip about them? Run them down behind their backs? Are you jealous of them? John is saying we know due to what is in our hearts...love or envy! Saved or lost!

1 John 3:15 Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has Eternal Life Abiding in him.

Hate and Love cannot live in the same temple! **3:15 Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer** This goes back to what Cain did. Understand this letter is to the Church not the world! John is saying check your heart out, seek The Lord for help! Jesus gave us a new Commandment to 'love one another as He has Loved us' and this is done by being In Christ which allows The Holy Spirit to Work within us by The Power of the Cross. If you hate your brother then in The Spirit you are a murderer, confess and He will Hear and Heal you! **3:15...and you know that no murderer has Eternal Life Abiding in him.** The absence of Love which comes from God's brings death. This is speaking to believers! They are lacking the Power of The Lord. Man's love can turn to hatred in a second. This is a lesson on the origin of evil, which pertains to the wicked hearts of man (not Satan), and the simple cause of such evil is the lack of Love, confess and be healed! This does not say they are going to hell but that The Holy Spirit Who is The Eternal Life is absent, and they need to repent and return to The Work Jesus did at the Cross or their souls 'may' be lost.

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we The Love of God, because He laid down His Life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

The example has been given by The Master! **3:16 Hereby perceive we The Love of God** This speaks of knowledge gained by experience. This knowledge in essence tells us what the Love of God actually is. There is no room for any argument. The Holy Spirit through John shows the real Nature, real Power, and Sacrifice of True Love. The highest form for all to see. Jesus Christ, The Son of God Hanging on a Cross. Mankind cannot understand what really happened that day, how great that Sacrifice really was, how much pain came to The Son of God...we have no idea, we do not come even close to understanding what The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit went through. **3:16...because He laid down His Life for us** He died for those that hate Him! Jesus left Heaven! His home! Gave up His Throne to be born from flesh to become Flesh, He became that which He created! He laid down His life for us the moment The Holy Spirit said **Gen 1:3 'Let there be Light'** for He was to be The Light. **3:16...and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.** As above Jesus gave the example. Howbeit there are two points to this **1/** To actually die, to lay your life down for a brother or sister. **2/** It also means to put others first, which means to deny self by a physical act of any nature.

1 John 3:17 But whoso has this world's good, and seeing his brothers need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how can the Love of God dwell in him?

Give...and store up riches in Heaven. **3:17 But whoso has this world's good** This speaks of the basic needs of this life. As is the case in the world, some Christians have better business sense than others and earn a lot more money, and there is nothing wrong with that. Where one is so blessed of The Lord one should share with the less able in the Kingdom. Howbeit this comes with two qualifications! All that any man gets he gets from The Lord! **3:17...and seeing his brothers need** This is speaking of the family of God 'a brother in need' two qualifications **1/** seeing **2/** need. The word 'seeing' comes from the Greek word 'theoreo' and means to 'deliberately contemplate' This means over a long period of time one has considered the struggles of another Saint. The 'need' has been apparent and should be provided for. This speaks not of loafers, the lazy sponges that willingly soak up the goodness of those that labour for their dollar. But Brothers and sisters that work for their money but hard times have been allowed for whatever reason to come upon them! They trust God, they ask not from the Church or family for money, food, clothing etc. Do you

know the ‘for what ever the reason is’ ? Then help them! **3:17...and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him**, One has seen the need and hardened their heart, they have failed the test of love **3:17...how can the Love of God dwell in him?** Can the Love of God dwell in a hardened heart? This person needs to ask The Holy Spirit to put right the wrong heart attitude!

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

The Holy Spirits plea through John. **3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue;** This is a loving plea to all members of the True Church. Let us not be hypocrites. Kind and generous words are part and parcel of The Church but they should not be empty and void of a follow up. Love is more than mere words! Love promotes and encourages growth. **3:18 neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth** Love demands simple acts, **James 2:15-16 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? And Paul wrote in 1 Cor 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.** Speaking in tongues does not put cloths on the naked body, speaking in tongues does not prove you love the saints!

1 John 3:19 And hereby we know that we are of The Truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

The evidence of Love. **3:19 And hereby we know that we are of The Truth** We are ready to engage in acts towards others that gives life to our words, we are not deceived in what we profess to be. **3:19...and shall assure our hearts before Him.** His Goodness always calms! Past guilt can trouble us deeply but His Truth will produce a state of peace and calm. The meaning here seems to be, that He shall comfort the doubts and trouble of our minds, and produce a state of quiet and peace which is the evidence that we are of The Truth. Folks a true Christian does not attempt to conceal the fact that there is much within them that screams ‘help, I am a sinner’ but all shall be well as long as one keeps their Faith in the Work of His Son at the Cross, so that The Holy Spirit may brings about all you need to be. By this your words will become actions. Don’t you know? He left His Heavenly Home for the sole reason of dyeing on the Cross for you? Don’t you know? You have His Spirit living in you! Hereby we know we can do all He asks! Let us trust Him, amen.

1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

This is comforting! **3:20 For if our heart condemn us** Condemnation comes from many quarters: guilt, doubt, failure, spiritual and human attacks upon our person. There is horrid stuff within us, that which we do not know and yet The Lord excepts us and Loves us. **3:20...God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.** The Mercy Seat knows only Victory! God is not big...He is Endless! Without measure and thus He sees all things, knows all things. John does not deny that our hearts are weak but he reaffirms that God is Greater, God is Deeper, God is wider within us...more so than the evil of our hearts...we are yet to see this Great Power Arise within us but that day is coming!

1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, then have we confidence toward God.

This is he who lives in the Work of the Cross! **3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not** This Saint has no separation between himself and God! No unconfessed sin for all has been taken care of by The Blood of The Lamb! This Saint does not act out sins desire. This saint has asked The Lord for Judgment, to be placed on the sacrificial table and such a request shall be answered (in The Lords time). **3:21...then have we confidence toward God.** You are standing face to Face with God The Father, we are In Jesus Who is In the Father, we need not ask anyone for we are In His Presence. This confidence can only come by believing in what Jesus did at the Cross! Stand firm even when you feel dejected as **Heb 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward. For you have need of patience, that, after you have done The Will of God, you might receive The Promise.**

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His Sight.

Keep praying! **1 Jn 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him** The word ask used here in the Greek means to ask continuously. We ask because we have confidence In Him Our Father shall Answer. **1 Jn 3:22...because we keep His Commandments,** We receive because we are confident, we are confident because we have Faith in what He has done at the Cross. We keep the Commandments perfect because He fulfilled them and it is His Life that shines forth from us! We keep the Commandments by looking towards Christ's Work. **1 Jn 3:22... and do those things that are pleasing in His Sight.** We cannot please God without Faith, and this Faith must be In Jesus Christ and what He has done at the Cross. This is what we do that is pleasing in His Sight!

1 John 3:23 And this is His Commandment, That we should believe on The Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us Commandment.

Look towards Jesus and His actions and Love will always stand. **3:23 And this is His Commandment** You cannot separate the first and second Commandments, they are one. In the OT they obeyed by trying to keep them, the NT we obey the Commandments by faith! **3:23...That we should believe on The Name of His Son** First up, The Fathers Son died for us! Believe on His Name this is what it is all about. **3:23...Jesus Christ** John uses The Lord's full Name: Jesus = Saviour, Deliverer, Christ = Messiah, Anointed One, etc...He is therefore 100% God and 100% The Perfect Man. This is The Name that all the Prophets pointed towards. He is the Payment, Fulfilment, and Eternal Blessing. **3:23...and love one another, as He gave us Commandment.** John returns to Love: For if one truly believes one will Love the Saints. Without Faith one cannot achieve such Love as He is Love and it is His Love.

1 John 3:24 And he that keeps His Commandments dwells In Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by The Spirit which He has given us.

Yahoo! **3:24 And he that keeps His Commandments dwells In Him, and He in him.** This is The Faith, He dwells in us by Faith, we believe by what was given by the Work of Jesus at the Cross, we are crucified Into Him. It all comes back to the Cross. Note the wording? He that keeps! All are given a choice, place your Faith in the Cross or look elsewhere to achieve a way of keeping His Commandments! **3:24...And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by The Spirit which He has given us.** Jesus anointed us with the Holy Spirit!

When we were Saved The Holy Spirit entered into our lives but this speaks of being Baptized Into The Holy Spirit, meaning the believer asking for Devine Help. This allows The Holy Spirit the latitude to Work mighty changers in the believer as long as if one's Faith is in the correct object and Person... being the Cross and Christ. God is not limited to what He can do within us as long as we offer ourselves to Him for His Good will and Purpose....Within the Work of Jesus Christ at the Cross, Amen.

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1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Check each teaching, every conversation, every word 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit There is no shortage of false teachers today. John is about to provide two tests for such **A/** The confession of Jesus the Messiah having come in the Flesh (see vs.2) **B/** Subjection to the Apostolic doctrine (see vs.6) These two tests present Christ as a personal Saviour. He was born man, hence He became Flesh! He was tempted far more than any other man and sinned not. As to the Apostolic doctrine He kept perfectly every requirement penned by the OT Prophets. He perfectly satisfied the sin debt owed to The Father, the fact that He rose again from the grave proves such. If we 4:1...believe everything without checking then it points to immaturity or spiritual laziness, both lack Holy Spirit awareness. 4:1...but try the spirits whether they are of God Here it is folks...Eternal life comes to all be it in Heaven or hell. We must be alert, checking 'all' that we are told. I am going to write something harsh, most of what we have been taught over the past 100 or so years has unintentionally and sadly at times intentionally missed the message of the Cross. This includes 'some' of the greatest, trusted, preachers of the Word. 4:1...because many false prophets are gone out into the world. This is satan trying to sow tares among the wheat. Their personality will be revealed eventually, but the Church must be awake prayerfully at all times listening to The Holy Spirit and following correct righteous biblical procedures.

1 John 4:2 Hereby you know The Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ was Born in the Flesh is of God:

We are dead but live...in and by His Life! 4:2 Hereby you know The Spirit of God Believers 'will know' what The Holy Spirit sanctions and 'will know' His Leading. The Holy Spirit is the Giver of the Word not man, the Bible comes from God! 4:2...Every spirit that confesses speaking of man's spirit acknowledging The Truth. 4:2... that Jesus Christ The Hebrew for Jesus is 'Jehovah' and it always means 'Jehovah Saves' and Christ is 'Christos' meaning 'The Anointed One' 4:2...was Born This speaks of the God of the OT which the Prophets wrote of, Who was to come, and Who has 4:2...in the Flesh Who in the Person of His Son became Embodied in Human Flesh without sin, died on the Cross to satisfy the just demands of His Law which man broke, and was Raised from the dead, to become The Living Saviour of the sinner who places their faith In Him in view of what He did at Calvary. 4:2...is of God This covers all the above: If you believe Jesus Christ is the Living Word... and The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us...and The Word which became Flesh did so to become The Sacrificial Lamb of God...Who paid for the sins of the world by giving Himself on The Cross...To selflessly rescue us from this present evil age, according to the Will of God The Father...and that this plan was predetermined by the Godhead before the foundation of the world (See Jn 17:24, 1Pt 1:18-20). If you believe this then, **you are of God**, well done!

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ was Born in the Flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Reduce The Work of the Cross in anyway at ones peril. 4:3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ was Born in the Flesh is not of God: Right to the core of the truth!

This speaks of what Jesus Christ was born to do! The Work of Jesus at the Cross is from where all doctrines come from. The examination of what one says and how one lives proves what they believe. We are living within the time of the greatest falling away from God's Truth and must listen carefully, If what they are preaching does not point to the Power of Lord's Death and Resurrection then a closer prayerful examination is demanded. **4:3... and this is that spirit of antichrist**, Please understand the difference between 'the spirit of antichrist' and 'the antichrist.' **2 Cor 11:4 For if he that comes preaches another jesus, whom we have not preached, A/** The spirit of antichrist which holds it's power in religion brings in all types of deceptions and deceitfulness by preaching 'a jesus' cunningly discrediting the Power of the Cross and His rightful Sonship. **B/** The antichrist is but one man and cannot and will not use the Name of The Lord except by blasphemy, being as he is full of hate towards God, filled by the power of his father satan, The term "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" are curse words only, as he believes he is god! **4:3...whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.** satan tries to control the Message of Redemption. The devil's greatest area of attack is against The Cross of Christ, The Lord's Sacrifice! The devil does not try to sell that God does not have the answer of Redemption, but rather proposes false ways of receiving and keeping ones Salvation. If he can move a believer from The Faith by getting them to try and keep the commandments or some other type of works then he has at least for a time dismantled their ability for them to totaly live in The Power for God.

1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Great to read even better when believed, amen. **4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them:** satan had tried through the false teachers to usurp the believers by seducing them into a lie, he did just that to Eve! I am sure that the evil presentation would have been very good indeed, but these Saints had an understanding of God's Word coupled with the Holy Spirits promptings, aiding them in overcoming. Jesus Said to the Church in Revelation seven times "**you must be an overcomer**" The question is "How?" The answer by The Holy Spirit, but many in the Church fail to see that The Spirit of God moves through the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. **4:4...because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.** The Holy Spirit is greater than satan and the world, The Holy Spirit is Almighty God! He started everything and ends everything (**Gen---Rev**) He is Ever Present. He placed Jesus into the womb, oversaw The Birth, was with Jesus through His Ministry and even told Jesus when to give up His Spirit on the Cross (see **Heb 9:14**) He then Raised Christ from the Grave! And through Jesus Christ's Sacrifice resides within every one that will believe!

1 John 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them.

They speak dead words and the walking dead receive such folly. **4:5 They are of the world** The Word was spoken to them but it did not get the chance to sprout **Math 13:3-4 Jesus Said "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.** They could not except The Truth. **4:5...therefore speak they of the world,** Be careful, this worlds communication networks are run by satans system, they speak of what the world gives them! They have no Devine fountain, no where to draw Truth from, their sources are evil!

4:5...and the world hears them. The apostate church and those doomed to sit in the pews of coldness willingly accepts such rubbish, breathing in damnations seductive words. What one listens to will determine what one will believe! Most songs also fits the discussion presented in this section of scripture! Luke 6:45 "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks," what a man utters during a normal days conversation shows what "spirit is within him." What do you talk or sing about through the day? This can be changed over a period of time by simply asking The Holy Spirit to direct ones thoughts onto holiness.

1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he that is not of God hears not us. Hereby know we The Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of error.

The first four words of this scripture says it all! 4:6 We are of God: This is John saying he is and so is any other that hears and believes these words written, you are of God! There must be no spiritual pride in this, no self lifting proclamation. John holds fast to the Work Jesus did at the Cross! 1 Cor 15:14-15 And if Christ has not Risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. The Holy Spirit through Paul is saying "If He was not Raised up then Jesus died in vain and we are all lost and are foolish to hold to such a faith"! But we are of God, we know He died and paid for our sins, we know He Rose again! 4:6...he that knows God hears us This is so simple! Are you hearing what I am saying? Am I speaking Truth or lies? If you receive this then you receive The Truth as we have His Spirit! 4:6...he that is not of God hears not us. Again John draws the line in the sand! Jesus Said in Jn 8:47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God Says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." One who hears God's Word will change or brutally reject It and walk away looking for 'Lost salvation street'! Here it is in a nut shell...Through The Holy Spirit we have the consciousness of being a new person! Who provides and drives The Power for the believer to desire to be even more Holy and Christ Like, daily! Folks The Holy Spirits Personality should become the centre and sole principle of our personalities! He does not just dwell in us! As we give our lives to Him the 'I' (what we are) becomes the New Devine Principle of our new personality. The same Spirit that was In Christ, His Innermost Self, becomes our innermost self! As we yield our personality to His we shall not lose our special personality but rather find a renewed power, strength, and resolve of the Highest quality and capacity, becoming like Christ! 2 Cor 4:10-11 Always bearing about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 4:6...Hereby know we The Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of error. He Teaches The Truth. Believers have The Power of recognition given by Jesus to whosoever desires His Word! The Spirit of Truth looks only towards the Cross of Christ, the spirit of error looks towards other means to gain wisdom which always fails placing one into error.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God.

If we truly know God then we will love with His Love. 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another The word 'let' implies a choice! Let us...If you are a son or daughter of God (think about that) then you will love one another as He is Love, we learn over a period of time about this! 4:7...for love is of God This is the Agape Love which the world knows nothing of as it is in fact God Himself, He is the Source.

4:7...and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God. Consider this...when we (Christians) speak of worldly things such as politics and other such rubbish the atmosphere changes and can even become downright horrid, if we lack true leadership and meetings become drenched in foolish prideful debates we miss the mark of what Love presents and represents! But when we speak about what He has done for us, when we speak about the Cross, when we speak about how great He is, when we praise His awesome Name, Love reigns in the room...does it not? The world cannot love us as we Love the Lord's Way, Truth and Life. Only those that are in 'The Way' can truly direct with His Love, only those in 'The Truth' can share His Wisdom, and only those in 'The Life' can give theirs for Him and others.

1 John 4:8 He that loves not knows not God; for God is Love.

Blunt and straight to the pin point of truth. **4:8 He that loves not** This is talking about the lowly human type of love that changes each day! This love has not got the ability to love God. **4:8.. knows not God** They really never knew God as to know God is to know the origin of all that there is, how it came about and why! This love includes God's creation of all things (**Gen 1-2**), sustaining all things (**Col 1:16-17**), Redeeming believers through His Son Jesus (**1 Jn 4:9**). For one to Know The One and only God they must know The Saviour and what He did at the Cross. The Gift of of God exhibited on the Cross! **4:8...for God is Love** God's Nature is Love! We cannot understand but in part, for He goes beyond our cognitive state... God is Light! He embraces all we poorly perceive...Truth, Knowledge, Purity, Health, Power, Justice, Kindness, Sympathy, Friendliness, Happiness, Joy exceeding, Life, Moral and intellectual soundness, with a Fathers Heart, thought, and emotions always being towards the well being of His Children...This is Love...It really does go well beyond our understanding.

1 John 4:9 In this was Manifested The Love of God toward us, because that God sent His only Begotten Son into the world, that we might live Through Him.

Begotten in the Greek is 'mono-g-e-nes' meaning 'single of it's kind, only' **4:9 In this was Manifested The Love of God toward us** No one can understand His deep Love for us, we are guilty of hanging Jesus on the Cross! If anyone here can express the depth of this Love please do! It exceeds feelings, emotions, it transcends any such physical act it is unmeasurable, unfathomable, incomparable, fullstop. **4:9..because that God sent His only Begotten Son into the world,** The greatest act of Love ever seen and to be seen. We shall greatly understand in Heaven and greatly praise The Holy One. He sent, He came! We win! How great is our God? He came to that which is the opposite of His Home Heaven! **4:9... that we might live Through Him.** This was and is God's plan made before the beginning of time for us! To live Through Him we must be Baptized Into His death, Buried with Him and Risen with and by Him (see **Rom 6:3-5**). Our old man must die to be replaced by the new man. This Baptism has nothing to do with water we must understand this, we are immersed into His Blood, driven by Grace into Christ's Death. If we remain in that place by Faith being the Cross this brings into act the walking after The Spirit! **Gal 2:20 I have been Crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in The Son of God, who Loved me and gave Himself for me.**

1 John 4:10 Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the Propitiation for our sins.

In the Greek it states “Herein is The Love” 4:10 Herein is Love This is unequalled, unmeasured, unstoppable, Pure Love. Read and learn! Man’s love changes with one’s perceptual experience and feelings, the false teachers who try and govern by religion live by such weak love. You cannot attribute love to God for He is Love! God does not Love you for what **you do or don’t do**. He is passionless and unmoved, His Love never changes, He does not Love us more at certain times than others, nay He loves us unconditionally, wholly, always. 4:10...not that we loved God, but that He Loved us He has paid the highest price. We hated Him and He died for us! We could not love...He could do nothing but Love. 4:10...and sent His Son to be the Propitiation for our sins. Just one word ‘Love’ All we need to do is ‘Believe that The Son of God paid our sin debt at the Cross’

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so Loved us, we ought also to love one another.

The Cross, suffering and Death of His Son. 4:11 Beloved John uses the word well! It means my dearest, you mean more to me than life! We cannot Love unless we are In The Lord, He alone provides such a wonderful Blessing. Religion can never experience such a wonderful life changing Love whilst trying to love with man’s love. 4:11...if God so Loved us, God demonstrated His Love In His Son! By His Son, Through His Son. All He did was Love. 4:11...we ought also to love one another. This proves a true believer. Judge not least you be judged. Love is not fast to pull someone down, to expose them, to deny them Truths teachings! Jesus walked with the disciples for three and a half years and even said “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you”? We are to forgive seven times seventy! 1 Cor 13: 4-8 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. May we all grow In His Great Love. Amen and Amen.

1 John 4:12 No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God Dwelleth in us, and His Love is Perfected in us.

The commandments of God cannot be separated. 4:12 No man has seen God at any time. This is speaking of God's Character, all of His essence, and all of His Nature. No man has the capacity of beholding the fullness of God. As far as actually seeing God, many men have looked upon His Majesty (see Gen 18:2; 23; 32:24; Ex 24:10; 33:11; Josh 5:13; Isa Chap 6; Ezek 1:26-28; Dan 7:9-14; 10:5-6; Acts 7:56-59; Rev 4:2-4; 5:1-7) 4:12...If we love one another, God Dwelleth in us John takes us back to the greatest attribute of God that a believer can have 'Love' for it is in Truth God Himself! 'If we love one another' we know God is present with us. As God was and is present with His Son, so now He is present with us. This Holy Love which comes from God and was manifested within His Son is being perfected in us. It is through man that 'The Love of God' finds it's fulfilment on earth. We cannot see Him but by His Love we have love for one another and are assured of His presence. 4:12...and His Love is Perfected in us. God's Love is perfect, this speaks of His Love reaching a certain goal within us! Turning the imperfect to perfect. The greater our love one to another the greater the evidence within us of His Love (this cannot be imitated or forced by man).

1 John 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell In Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

To dwell: Live, stay, permanent resident; reside. 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell In Him, and He in us This is an expression of true fellowship. If we have love one for another this shows He dwells in us and we in Him. All that God planned is coming to pass in the life of such a Christian. 4:13...because He has given us of His Spirit. It is not possible for man to love as man should without His Spirit. The Gift of The Holy Spirit is without doubt the greatest happening after the Cross, for The Holy Spirit is God! Therefore He Is Total Love. No one that receives the Baptism of the Spirit receives a part Baptism, He is a Person, the Third Person of the Trinity! When one is Baptised one gets The Holy Spirit in Full! 1/ It is impossible for someone to receive The Holy Spirit if they haven't been Born Again, this speaks of Justification, being made right through Jesus with God. 2/ The "Baptism of The Spirit" refers to being equipped or empowered by The Holy Spirit to carry out the task that Jesus has given the Church. When the Spirit equips us or Baptizes us, we are immersed, as it were, in the Holy Spirit therefore being filled 100% with His Spirit. 3/ A believer who has not been Baptised In the Spirit cannot work with the Gifts (Many try and develop an emotional humanistic state to their own damage and the churches, in short, they fake it!) 4/ Romans Ch 6 presents 'the mechanics of The Spirit' which means 'How' The Holy Spirit Works. This tells us the Cross of Christ is the foundation of our Faith which comes from the Born Again experience, The Spirit through Paul shows a Saint is 'Baptised Into Christ's Death' at that time! Romans Ch 8 presents 'dynamics of The Spirit' which means 'what' The holy Spirit does. Paul teaches 'walking after The Spirit', this does not speak of doing any type of works, such as saving the world etc...but rather evidencing constant Faith in the Work of Christ at the Cross! This speaks of a super blessed greatly, richly, and forever changing relationship with The Spirit as He dwells within us and we In Him. Romans Ch 7

tells us what happens when we do not have, or choose to deny the ‘mechanics and dynamics’ of The Spirit (that is bad).

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that The Father sent The Son to be The Saviour of the world.

John is an eyewitness Of Jesus Christ! **4:14 And we have seen** John wrote this epistle 90 AD some sixty years after the Crucifixion, this would make one think that there was not many left living who had seen Christ in the Body and most certainly none of the Apostles. Tradition states that John had declared over and over “**when I am gone there will be no one left who saw Him, touched Him, and who actually heard Him**”. John walked with the Messiah and he makes that clear by the above words. **4:14...and do testify** This is what we must do! And this testimony must be about what He has done (**The Cross**)! Why He did such (**Love**)! And what the listeners reaction should be (**believe in the Work of Love on the Cross**)! The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest. **4:14...that The Father sent The Son to be The Saviour of the world.** This is a massive statement. The Holy Spirit over and over again brings us back to The Cross, The Spirit over and over again gets John to write ‘For the world’! ‘God gave His Son’! The whole world has been put on notice, no one has an excuse. In John’s day the emperor was to be worshipped, to say Jesus is the worlds Saviour invited capital punishment which means they had not just heard but were worried about ‘this Jesus’!

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is The Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God.

A good confession. **4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is The Son of God** This is Faith, solid belief that He is The Son of God **Jn 20:29 Jesus Said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”** We do not just believe in a spiritual happening! As most the world believes in spirits and ghosts, we believe He came in the Flesh and Died on The Cross and rose three days later and is today sitting on the Right hand side of God The Father. Just saying Jesus is Lord does not mean that person is Saved, one must completely surrender their live to Christ, understanding that He Alone is Saviour. **Rom 10: 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be Saved.** Then in **2 Cor 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to Salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.** When one repents it must be a true heart felt response not just feeling the worlds guilt and sorrow for to do such is just to deceive oneself and miss the mark that He is the answer. **4:15...God Dwells in him, and he In God.** This speaks of Devine Fellowship, The Father is in the believer and the believer is in The Father. Earlier in the chapter John taught that the spirit that confesses Jesus is from God. Here, he adds to that teaching that the person who confesses that Jesus **is God's Son** has God living in him, and that person lives in God. John has now shifted from recognizing Jesus in others to recognizing Jesus in one's own life.

John 4:16 And we have known and believed The Love that God has to us. God Is Love; and he that dwells In Love dwells In God, and God in him.

One may die for a loved one, but True Love Died for those that hated Him! **4:16 And we have known and believed The Love that God has to us.** John is saying we still know, and we still believe! This goes back to our confession. This goes beyond God just being about or even in us! But rather He has connected with us, to us, we are one with The Lord!

Three things here **1/** We know and rely on ‘The Truth’...God Loves us **2/** We learn ‘He in fact is Love’ **3/** this means to live in God is to live in Love which fulfils within us the Commandments. **4:16...God Is Love;** One cannot understand this! He is what we call Love, but this word has so much more for us to glean from...and we will never do it whilst on this earth, not even coming close to it. The Work of the Cross gives us a glimpse of such Love, such desire. The only way to understand even slightly His Great Love is to keep ones Faith in the Atoning Work of The Cross. All we have received and all we will get comes from The work He did at the Cross. **4:16...and he that dwells In Love dwells In God, and God in him.** The great union made possible by The Love of The Father, made possible by Christ, made possible by His Victory at The Cross. The term **he that dwells** simply means ‘you must remain in Him’ your love must remain on and in The Truth! To make it clear for God to dwell in us and us to dwell in Him, our Faith must be in the Work Jesus did at The Cross. It is due to this Finished Work we could be Saved and remain Saved. There were those in John’s day that made little of The Blood of The Lamb as sadly today the same repudiate deniers exist.

1 John 4:17 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.

We are being made perfect (**each in God’s time so judge do not judge others**). **4:17 Herein is our love made perfect** This refers to confidence. **1/** Confidence within the relationship with God whilst on earth. **2/** Confidence relating to the coming Judgment. This Love cannot be perfected by self action or life style, one’s own efforts or abilities will full woefully short. The Love John speaks of is the ‘**God kind of Love**’ which means the world does not have It. This Love starts with God and is indeed God! When one is Saved they get God’s Love which is in the same time God’s Nature, they are the same thing. The next step is for The Holy Spirit to ‘perfect’ this Love within the believer. Only The Holy Spirit can do such! A seed that has been planted needs to be watered, and this is done by the Master Gardener. This is where many if not most Christians go wrong, they try to make perfect that which they cannot! It all comes back to The Atoning Work of Jesus at The Cross. We must teach people to keep their Faith at the Cross, **Rom 6: 3-6 Know ye not, that so many of us as were Baptized into Jesus Christ were Baptized into His Death? Therefore we are buried with him by Baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of The Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His Death, we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection:** The seed of Love was planted at that moment. The Spirit (not the believer) will work mightily if Faith is kept in The Atoning Work **Rom 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after The Spirit. For The Law of The Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.** Like the wise five virgins we must be awake and filled each day anew with The Oil. **Rom 8:13 For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through The Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live.** It is “all The Holy Spirit”. Deep calls to the deep...this means if you want to truly understand God’s Word you must dig into It. Treat the Word as food to the belly...greatly desire It! Surrender ones life into His Spirit. Such desire shall take one away from the works of the flesh and into the Work of the Cross. Every change of our heart, every victory over sins desire, we have receive through His Victory at the Cross. As we identify with Him In His Death The Spirit gently removes our old personality, our old nature, bit by bit. We are not left to deal with the old life ourselves, Jesus did it over 2000 years ago...

We just need to live by Faith in what He has done and what we cannot do! confess such, shout it, believe it, and we will become overcomers. **4:17...that we may have boldness in the day of Judgment** This speaks of the 'Judgment Seat of Christ' There will be no unredeemed there, that day arrives a thousand or so years later after the Church has been lifted up. At the Judgment Seat of Christ motives and works shall be Judged. If one is judged on works consumed by the effort of trying to produce faith, then although Saved and heaven bound they will be found wanting. If one is Judged by works as a result of Faith, which is the right way, then motives (**how deep they allowed The Holy Spirit to operate within them**) will be judged. Works as a result of Faith simply means one has placed their Faith in the Finished Work of Christ. **4:17... because as He Is** Speaks of the faith we have In Him! **4:17...so are we in this world.** That which He started He shall finish, we shall be just like Him, folks when God The father looks upon you today He sees The Precious Blood of The Lamb covering you! You are wonderfully Saved and in His Eyes Wonderfully Perfect!

1 John 4:18 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.

If you love God then you will have no fear of wrong doing against Him. **4:18 There is no fear In Love** This does not speak of "Godly fear" which we should all have but the unoriginal slavish fear. Our love for The Lord should not be diluted in any way, as to have Godly love one must have proper Faith, and proper Faith comes only through the Cross. Before we were Saved we had no love for God, today we love due to the Work of Jesus at The Cross, due to His Love. **4:18...but Perfect Love casts out fear:** Love and fleshly fear cannot exist together. Again this is not speaking of a holy reverent fear. The power of wordly fear can only be broken if one's Faith is in the right place. **4:18...because fear has torment.** For fear is punishment, and it is not God that is doing such. He does not torment His children! **4:18...He that fears is not made Perfect in Love.** Perfect love comes from the Work of Jesus at The Cross. Being made perfect speaks of a process which starts at the Sacrifice and ends there. If one keeps their Faith at the Cross The Holy Spirit shall Work mightily within the believer bring about Perfect Love with a reverent fear which produces true repentance.

1 John 4:19 We love Him, because He first Loved us.

Love comes from God. **4:19 We love Him** This Love does not come from man but from God. We love Him with His Love. **4:19...because He first Loved us.** God Loved us whilst we were unlovable, Jesus came and was hated upon by man and yet He Said "**Father forgive them for they know not what they do**"! And today The Holy Spirit knocks tirelessly on the hearts of mankind, over and over again even though they continually push Him away.

1 John 4:20 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?

Your either filled with The Spirit Who fulfils the Commandments or your not! **4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar:** If you have God's Love, you 'will' love your brother. **4:20...for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen,** This cannot be! If you have God's Love you cannot help but to Love your brother. **4:20...how can he love God whom he has not seen?** A liar is one that is not what they claim to be hiding behind religion, they are even fooling themselves **James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,**

deceiving yourselves. If you are a doer of the Word you will be on the Sacrificial Table, saying goodbye to the old and amen to the new.

1 John 4:21 And this Commandment have we from Him, That he who loves God loves his brother also.

John sums up the last verse, we are commanded to love our brothers! 4:21 And this Commandment have we from Him This is a direct command from The Holy Spirit! Obedience expresses itself in a single command. Love for God and your brother are inseparable. This is not speaking about a feeling but a deliberate outworked attitude, an act. 4:21...That he who loves God loves his brother also. On His Word we shall leave it...Love God...love your brother and sister also...There is no other avenue to walk down, Love has no boundaries, no weaknesses, and no failures...Love loves all, all the time.

1 John 5:1 Whosoever believes that Jesus is The Christ is Born of God: and every one that loves Him that Beget loves him also that is Begotten of Him.

The beget and begotten can be hard to understand. 1 Jn 5:1 Whosoever believes that Jesus is The Christ is Born of God cerinthus was a Christian heretic whose errors, according to the theologian Irenaeus, led the Apostle John to write this Letter. Irenaeus was born 125 AD, his teacher was Polycarp who served under the Apostle John. John did not muck about with words calling cerinthus and followers liars etc... The term 'Jesus is the Christ' speaks of 'the man Jesus'...not the risen Christ. Heretics claim Jesus was a good man who died but rose not. One must believe Jesus was born of a virgin, walked as a Man being Flesh on the earth, for in this is the entire Truth of God, sin came about by the first man and the second man had to pay perfectly the sin debt by going to The Cross, but He had to be 'A MAN'. 1 Jn 5:1...and every one that loves Him that Beget loves him also that is Begotten of Him. This is means those that love God as their Father also loves God's children! Beget speaks of 'The Father' and the word begotten speaks of 'the Child of God'. Christians all have the same Father, we are all in one family, we all bear the same image, as we all share His favour alike, and we are all under the same obligation of gratitude to Him and promote the same common cause of Goodness and Love for The Father and each other. John does not write we should or ought to love but rather you will "love both God and family"

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His Commandments.

Just as above. 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God John again reinforces the above verse. But this tells us also that our hearts know by our love within. 5:2... when we love God, and keep His Commandments. Five points to complete the perfect circle 1. To love God is to be full of His Spirit, 2. to be full of His Spirit is to have Love within you, 3. To have His Love within you, one will Love his neighbour 4. Loving his neighbour fulfils the Second Commandment 5. One can only fulfil the second Commandant by first keeping the First Commandment which is to Love God! Which is point 1. To love God is to be full of His Spirit...

1 John 5:3 For this is The Love of God, that we keep His Commandments: and His Commandments are not grievous.

Remain In Christ and all can be accomplished. 5:3 For this is The Love of God, The love of God is not, nor can it be a mere emotional thing. It requires action, a living desire to do and exist righteously. 5:3 that we keep His Commandments: How do we keep the Law? By understanding we cannot! Law keeping is done by trusting The Holy Spirit through the Blood of Christ which keeps us crucified, buried In Him Rom 8:3-4 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, that the Righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to The Spirit.

1 Jn 5:3...and His Commandments are not grievous. John is saying that they are not severe, stern, or cruel! Gods government is not oppressive, or beyond man's ability. It is easy to obey God when the heart is right. All one needs to do is trust God, make a good confession of inability and allow Him to operate with.

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our Faith.

Follow His order, rid the flesh of religion, and you will overcome. **5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world** Jesus overcame the world and if one remains In Him they will also overcome. When did Jesus overcome the world? During His sinless Life? During His three and a half year ministry? Yes and no! He overcame the world every day but it was not until the Work He did on the cross that this could be realised. He overcame the world, sin nature, and the evil one on The Cross. **5:4...and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our Faith.** First up, we overcome by Faith! Paul writes in all his Epistles about such, but Romans Ch 6 and 8 along with all of Galatians specifically address the given matter. John writes '**even our Faith**' What does he mean by that? Most Christians when they think of Faith go straight to Jesus, He is alive! or His Written Word...and this is indeed valid. But The Faith John is writing about goes much deeper than that. Yes many call on His Name as He is alive and many quote Scripture for it is the Truth, but without understanding The Work of the Cross one is left dangling. The Cross makes every thing possible. It is The Work of Jesus at The Cross that must be and remain the centre of our Faith. Jesus took on... and beat every single thing that held man captive at The Cross. His Blood was spelt at The Cross, He satisfied the Law at The Cross, He atoned for all acts of sin at The Cross, He removed the penalty of sin which was death, at The Cross, He spoiled principalities and powers, making a show of them openly, trumpeting over them at The Cross. **Two words** that cover what Jesus did at The Cross. He took away the penalty of sin which allows **1/ Justification.** This simply means we have been placed Into Christ, Crucified, buried, and Risen with Him. He broke the power of sin which speaks about **2/ Sanctification.** We are therefore dead to the sin, this is where 'The Faith' John is speaking of comes into play. When Adam and Eve fell at the Garden of Eden, they lost The Devine Nature being... '**a complete God Consciousness**', which was replaced by the sin nature, which means man is driven by a strong and undying inclination towards sin in every sickening way. The '**Faith**' John and Paul speak of allows one In Truth to be released from the dominion of the sin nature, this does not mean one will never sin again as the flesh has been twisted by the evil nature, but this is where overcoming is married into 'The Faith'. The sin nature and acts of sin are two things different things and every Christian should understand this so as to gain their true freedom In Christ. With the sin nature, which was the driving force within put to death the believer will find over a period of time that walking in holiness and overcoming fleshly desires becomes easier for the new Nature of the Spirit is ruling. Amen

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is The Son of God?

Not what one does but what one believes. **5:5 Who is he that overcomes the world,** For there is only one way the world can be overcome! One way. A man may break a part habit, or move away from an unprofitable direction, or gain a victory over a wordly passion, even defeat some evil intent but unless this person has his or her Faith anchored in what Jesus did at The Cross they will be in some way or another driven by their sin nature.

5:5...but he that believes that Jesus is The Son of God? Two points here **1/** Most of the Church has this backwards, they rely so much on what THEY are doing for Jesus rather than what they believe in. Who and what do they believe in?...Christ! But their Faith is measured by what they do! **2/** The correct action is to respond to The Truth with thanks giving. If you believe Jesus is The Son of God then you believe He is God Manifested in the Flesh! He became man, the second Adam. Why did He become Flesh? His Name 'Jesus' answers that. Jesus means 'Saviour' The Son of God was Born to Die for us so that we would not face the penalty that we so deserve. We overcome the world by believing He is The Lamb of God, we overcome by displaying correctly Faith in the Finished Work of The Cross, then and only then will The Holy Spirits awesome Power Command effectively the personal changes within a believer that are desired by God The Father. Then our Faith will be measured by what we believe and the dead shall be raised, blind eyes opened etc...

1 John 5:6 This is He that came by Water and Blood, even Jesus Christ; not by Water only, but by Water and Blood. And it is The Spirit that bears witness, because The Spirit is Truth. He had to come, and He did so willingly! **5:6 This is He that came by Water and Blood, even Jesus Christ** The Living Word becoming Flesh! He had to come by water 'being born of a woman' This speaks of His humanity. The Blood speaks of His Perfection, Purity, and Life. This could not come by the woman but by The Spirit. **Jn 3:5-6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of The Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of The Spirit is spirit.** **5:6...not by Water only, but by Water and Blood.** Firstly this speaks of the absolute necessity of Jesus becoming Flesh, He had to be born of a virgin, live the Perfect Life, being without sin, but as wonderfully amazing as this achievement was it Saved no one! Salvation did not come to us due to Jesus Living Perfectly but that he fulfilled the second point of this verse being '**The Blood**' He gave Himself up to death on The Cross so that we may live. The Blood speaks of a Special Work that only Jesus could fulfil, He had to go to The Cross so that all things would be fulfilled! **5:6...And it is The Spirit that bears witness** It is He Who testifies within you that this is Truth! **5:6... because The Spirit is Truth.** Only the ultimate Truth can be brought by The Holy Spirit as He Is The Crowning Supreme and final Word of Actuality. Man, Angels, and all other things cannot proclaim or find such a Deep and Unsearchable Omega. John's testimony and ours comes from The Spirit. Jesus was God before He became Flesh, He has always been God but this saved no one, it is The Cross where Salvation is made Perfect.

1 John 5:7 For there are Three that bear record in Heaven, The Father, The Word, and The Holy Spirit: and these Three are One.

The law demands that the witness come from two or three! **5:7 For there are Three that bear record in Heaven, The Father, The Word, and The Holy Spirit:** The Trinity! Which some deny is clearly shown here. These Three Witnesses borne record on earth the very moment Jesus died on The Cross, with His Righteousness being accepted in Heaven, the veil was turn in two. As a result of this Witness The Holy Spirit has been sent in a capacity never seen before. **5:7...and these Three are One.** This is not in the original Scriptures however The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are indeed One so I am going to leave it there. It changes nothing regarding The Trinity or this Word.

1 John 5:8 And there are Three that bear witness in earth, The Spirit, and The Water, and The Blood: and these Three Agree in One.

The same Witnesses. **5:8 And there are Three that bear witness in earth** Again they agree as One, and due to that untold numbers of believers have been Saved. **5:8...The Spirit, and The Water, and The Blood:** This has every thing to do with The Holy Spirit and Jesus. The Holy Spirit Works exclusively within the parameters of the Finished Work of Christ. **Rev 5:6 "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of The Throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the Elders, stood A Lamb as it had been slain, having Seven Horns and Seven Eyes, which are the Seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."**This verse in Rev has six points. **1/** God's Throne in Heaven, this signifies the Highest Place and Position. **2/** What John saw was **in the midst of The Throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the Elders** Proclaims that which is Most Holy. The very function of these 'beasts' or 'Cherubim' is **Rev 4:8** to say 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is The Lord God Almighty, which was, as is, and is to come,' This tells us there is nothing more Holy than what Jesus did at The Cross on behalf of lost humanity. **3/** As this was done **in the midst of the Elders (representing man)**, refers to the fact that this Great Sacrifice was made on the behalf of humanity. **4/** Jesus is referred to here as **"A Lamb as it had been slain"** which speaks of The Cross. In other words, this is how Christ appears before God at The Throne. As such He is our High Priest and Intercessor. **5/** The Holy Spirit is so closely intertwined with Christ that They are looked at as One and the same. **6/** The Holy Spirit is shown **as having Seven Horns and Seven Eyes, which are The Seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth** All this is of course symbolic, with the number 'seven' referring to totality, perfection, and completion. Horns, refer to perfect Dominion whilst 'Eyes' refer to perfect illumination. Everything The Holy Spirit does in the hearts and lives of believers is done on the basis of Justice Satisfied by and through The Work Jesus at The Cross. The water signifies His Fleshly Birth and The Blood His Perfect Sacrifice on The Cross. **5:8..and these Three Agree in One.(This is in the original Scriptures)** One purpose, one total and great reason, They agree as One, you are Loved, you are considered worthy of the Price paid.

1 John 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the Witness of God is greater: for this is The Witness of God which He has Testified of His Son.

The Witness is of The Cross there is nothing greater. **5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the Witness of God is greater** We are will used to receiving the praises and testimonies of man but His is greater: The Spirit, The water, and The Blood all Testify that Jesus The Son of God became Flesh, was Crucified, and Risen up on the third day to pay our sin debt. This makes it a court standing, legal, statement for it comes out of the mouth of Three Witnesses! **5:9...for this is The Witness of God which He has Testified of His Son.** Really consider these Words! The Father watched His Son being nailed onto a wooden Cross for a rebellious, uncaring people, when He Hung there they walked by without a good thought, they cursed Him, mocked Him, and still He hung there. This is God saying 'I WATCHED MY SON DIE' consider that for a True Witness.

1 John 5:10 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. One word that points in two different directions. **5:10 He that believes on The Son of God has The Witness in himself:** What one 'believes' directs their pathway in life. the power to

One word produces life or death. Believe equals faith, Eph 4:5 **One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism**, Jesus is Lord = **'One Lord'**, our Faith must be in The Cross of Christ = **'One Faith'**, We must be Crucified Into His Death = **'One Baptism'**. Many 'believe' or have 'a faith' but religion will not cut it. **5:10...he that believes not God has made Him a liar;** Unbelief towards God in anyway brings hard times if not eventually death. This is not just a matter of opinion but an eternal presenting issue for one's life. Some within the Church (gnostics) were saying then as today that there are other ways one can be saved, that was and still is wrong! If a believer thinks he/she can place their faith in some other way rather than The Cross of Christ then they are calling God a liar, and His Son died foolishly! **5:10... because he believes not the record that God gave of His Son.** As above 'really consider these Words'! The Father watched His Son being nailed onto a wooden Cross, Call His Testimony a Lie and attempt Salvation by any other means than The way of the Cross...I think It would have be better for that person not to have been born!

1 John 5:11 And this is the record, that God has given to us Eternal Life, and this Life is In His Son.

Oh Happy day's **5:11 And this is the record** The story of the Bible is the story of The Work of Jesus at The Cross. **5:11...that God has given to us Eternal Life** These are a great words "He has given us Eternal Life" The word Eternal speaks of the coming Resurrection, the lifting up of the Saints of God where flesh is replaced by Light, the Glorified Body where death no longer reigns. **5:11...and this Life is In His Son.** Many Christians are happy believing they have a hedge about them! If that is you 'good on ya' but as for me I will remain by Faith 'In Christ'. Life is being 'In Him'! When one is Saved automatically they are placed 'Into Christ' however over a short period of time unless they are taught the message of The Cross they move into, and onto other things to aid them from sinning, none of these options work of course. Hence anything outside of being 'In Him' brings death. Life only comes by being 'Crucified In Christ' **Rom 6:6-7 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.** This is an oxymoron 'death is life' but of course this is only possible for those that are 'In Christ'. Amen.

1 John 5:12 He that has The Son has Life; and he that has not the Son of God has not Life.

One can only have The Son if one believes on His Human Birth, Death and Resurrection.

5:12 He that has The Son has Life By His sufferings and Death He has become known! The parable of the sower comes into play here, the Seed must fall into good soil, meaning your Faith must remain in the Work of Jesus at The Cross. This is God The Father testimony!

5:12...and he that has not the Son of God has not Life The only object that allows correct Faith and Belief is what happened to Christ on The Cross, many have 'a jesus' but all the systems and reasons behind their faith are wrong! Again for many the parable of the sower comes into play. **Mat 13:18 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.**

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you 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.

There should be no doubt **5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on The Name of The Son of God;** This speaks not only about Who Christ is but what He also did for humanity. The word 'believe' used here in the Greek is "pi-ste-uo" and means 'persuasion, conviction of the truthfulness of God, constancy in such profession, assurance'. In short to believe with all of your heart and mind, giving yourself totally over to one's idealism. This is total confidence In Him. This goes well beyond saying Jesus is Lord! Or believing Scripture, one must exceed offering merely a mental agreeance. **5:13...that you may know that you have Eternal Life,** The word 'know' in the Greek means 'beyond a shadow of a doubt, absolute, a positive knowledge'. If you are filled with The Spirit of Truth you have Christ, if you have Christ you have Eternal Life. **5:13...and that you may believe on The Name of The Son of God.** In this letter John 16 times uses the term "hereby know we" He is reassuring his readers, the Church that the heretics are wrong...we know we have Eternal Life as we Know Him Who Died for us! And that He was Resurrected by The Father.

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have In Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His Will, He hears us:

Thy Will be done, not mine. **5:14 And this is the confidence that we have In Him,** We have confidence In Him because we believe In Him and have received Eternal Life. This confidence is present due to The Holy Spirit, He hears our words, He listens to what we are saying. The Spirit is my Witness, I know Him and He knows me. **5:14...that, if we ask any thing according to His Will,** And what is 'according to His Will'? Simple, His Will is you believe in The Son of God and remain In The Finished Work of The Cross. Ask anything that enhances Jesus within you and you shall have it.

1 Jn 5:14...He hears us: But we must ask in Christ's Name (that is by faith) this means we have asked as is Christ Himself was asking and God Hears The Son! Therefore, we can only ask for what Christ Himself would ask which is the perfect Will of God The Father. And this is done by the Revelation offered by the Power of The Holy Spirit through the Blood of Jesus Christ. For it is no longer I that asks but Christ Who reigns in me!

1 John 5:15 And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him

I ask imperfectly but He knows what I need or desire before I ask. **5:15 And if we know that He hears us,** How do we know? **Jn 9:31 "We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does His Will."** God's Will is we all believe in His Son and what He has done therefore allowing The Holy Spirit to change us! **5:15...He hears what so ever we ask,** As it is being asked by Faith through the Finished Work of The Cross The Lord will answer as He is faithful, but it may not be what we have spoken but what our hearts have cried out for! He will give to us that which is in our best interest according to The Deepest Spiritual Knowledge arrived at by The Holy Spirit Who lives within the believer! **5:15...we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him** For this to be truly realized 1/ Our Faith must be completely placed in and on Christ 2/ Proper Faith breeds true confidence 3/ True confidence comes by being Crucified with Him 4/ Being Crucified with Him means it is no longer I that lives but Christ 5/ As it is Christ that Lives and changes our desires it is therefore Christ that asks, hence...God Hears.

1 John 5:16 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 shall pray for it.

Remember the Bible is given for the believing Church! **5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death** This speaks of a true believer sinning against God! They do not understand the Work of Christ on The Cross so are moving in a place that holds little or no victory, this is a horrid existence for a believer. The soul is Saved but failure after failure follows them. **5:16...he shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.** This refers to prayer. The believer that knows The message of The Cross whilst praying understands that the eyes of the individual will not be enlightened unless they engage and walk of the newness of Life offered (**meaning, many happily live in their misery**). **5:16... There is a sin unto death:** The entirety of Hebrews is written on or about this subject. Sadly this is where a believer is turning the back on Christ and all that He has done for them, they have moved into a place believing on self works and their own goodness is enough. In truth they have ceased to believe that Jesus did it all at the cross! **5:16...I do not say that he shall pray for it.** John is saying it is useless to pray for such as they have walked with The Lord and have chosen to turn their backs, this is a deliberate snubbing of Jesus Christ and death is the only outcome unless they repent. This is not a case of spiritual ignorance but rather a hard hearted unbelief. **Heb 10:29 How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled The Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing The Blood of The Covenant that Sanctified them, and who has insulted The Spirit of Grace?** This speaks of one that once believed and has walked away after their own self religious beliefs they have become as the pharisees of old!

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

All sin equals unrighteousness! **5:17 All unrighteousness is sin** This is a moving away from The Word. Not the written word but The Word, one can interpret the written word in many different ways but the personal guidance of The Holy Spirit is clear! A true believer can feel The Spirit's Joy and Displeasure! Man's and God's perspective on righteousness differs greatly and it is God's way that is right. Perfect Righteousness comes only from The Son, He alone is Spotless and Pure and we are made to be as He by Faith in His Sacrifice. **5:17... and there is a sin not unto death.** This speaks of someone who is trusting Jesus Christ for their Salvation, but does not understand the sin nature, which means they lack understanding on the Sanctification process. This person lives a life sinning and repenting, sinning and repenting...and on and on it goes. Sadly most Christians live such a life as this, including people within our own Church group. Pride coupled with ignorance ride high within such a person, again Saved but for ever in sin without knowing it...how sad.

1 John 5:18 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.

If your born of God sin shall not hold you. **5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sins not;** A person born of God will not practice sinfulness. This does not mean a Christian will not or cannot sin but rather their love for The Father is greater than the desire to do evil **1 Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and The Truth is not in us.** What John is writing is a believer shall not habitually practice sin, they shall feel greatly the conviction of The Holy Spirit. This is very important, It is not the quality of strength in the life of the believer that gives one hope of prevailing but the presence of The Power of God which is made alive only by Faith in the Finished Work of The Cross. **5:18...but he that is Begotten of God keeps himself,** The Begotten is The Son of God, Jesus Christ, and we are kept by Him! Jesus paid a high and terrible price for us and The Holy Spirit through Christ will keep us if we remain Faithful to His Work, His Sacrifice. **5:18...and that wicked one touches him not.** The devil cannot lay hold of such a believer! Many carnal Christians try to pray their way to victory, rebuking satan here and rebuking him there, day after day, week after week, year after year, and alas they receive no victory. Once one surrenders their religious life over to The Holy Spirit in return for Sanctifying Faith in The Work of Jesus at The Cross their prayer time will become more praise and thankful driven as they understand more and more that Jesus did it all, overcame all, and all a believer needs to do is praise Him for it is finished.

1 John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Two types of people Saved and unsaved. **5:19 And we know that we are of God** This is John repeating again that 'we know' 'we have His Spirit' 'we have confidence In Him' **5:19...and the whole world lieth in wickedness.** Satan's wickedness is both being seen and felt in the world today, by that I mean all that is outside of God, remember Jesus Said "Render unto Caesar what is Caesars"? And what belongs to Caesar? The worlds governments, world power, man's law, national security, economic development, human rights, social progress, financial growth and so on...The only order that is Holy and Righteous is those that are in Christ by Jesus' Work being God's Church, God's Children. Put it simply the world does not struggle against the devil as they belong to him.

1 John 5:20 And we know that The Son of God is Come, and has given us an understanding, that 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.

We have been Baptized Into His Death. 5:20 And we know that The Son of God is Come This is indeed an historic fact, Jesus Christ has walked on the earth as a man. But greater than that it is an on going Power by stating 'is come' means He arrived and is still here through The Holy Spirit working within true believers. 5:2... and has given us an understanding, that we may Know Him that Is True, This is the spiritual aspect, we know He is The Truth, we know there is no one else or anything else. John has dealt with the antichrist, pagan worship, and idols, here he makes it clear "Jesus Christ is The One True God and there is no other beside Him". 5:20...and we are In Him that is True, even In His Son Jesus Christ. We have Salvation due to Christ and what He has done. We have been placed into Him, we are a part of Him. We are in God, as we are In Christ, apart from Christ there is noway to The Father. 5:20...This is The True God, and Eternal Life. All things of the world pale in comparison to our God. John reinstates his delivery of Truth by these words, He is the True God and In Him is Eternal Life, and folks we are blessed to be In Him.

1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

The scripture actually states little born-ones. 5:21 Little children John was aged and would have been looked upon as The Father of the Church, so the term little children was some thing one thinks he would have stated quite a bit. 5:21..keep yourselves from idols. Amen. John has written about the heresy that was being driven by people of evil intent. False teachers, people full of religious appetite working back in his days and sadly working in ours, they are to be kept out of the Church. And with that word John simply writes

AMEN

