

1st John - KJV

Jesus - The Word, the Life, the Light Heard, Seen, and Handled

- **1Jn 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,

of **the Word of life**;

1Jn 1:2 (For **the life** was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you **that eternal life, which was with the Father**, and was manifested unto us;)

1Jn 1:3 **That** which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with **the Father**, and with **his Son Jesus Christ**.

1Jn 1:4 And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete . (NASV)	1Jn 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full . (KJV)
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1Jn 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**.

Walking in the light or darkness

1Jn 2:1a My little children, these things write I unto you, **that ye sin not**. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with **the Father, Jesus Christ** the righteous:

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jn 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 cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jn 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

1Jn 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1Jn 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate

1Jn 2:1b And if any man sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

1Jn 1:9 **If we confess our sins, he** is faithful and just

- to forgive us *our* sins,
- and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 2:2 **And he is**

- the propitiation for our sins:
- and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

Knowing God and being in Christ means keeping his commandments

Note: See 1 Jn 3:23-24

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know **him**, if we keep **his commandments**.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not **his commandments**,
is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth **his word**, in him
verily is the love of **God** perfected:
hereby know we that we are in **him**.

1Jn 2:6 He that saith he abideth in **him**
ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1Jn 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you,
but an **old commandment** which ye had from the beginning.
The old commandment is **the word** which ye have heard from the beginning.

1Jn 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 shineth.

1Jn 2:12 I write unto you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

1Jn 2:13 I write unto you, **fathers**, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.

I write unto you, **young men**, because ye have overcome the wicked one.

I write unto you, **little children**, because ye have known the Father.

1Jn 2:14 I have written unto you, **fathers**, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.

I have written unto you, **young men**, because
ye are strong,
and the word of God abideth in you,
and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Do not be attracted and attached to the world

1Jn 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.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world,

- the {sexual} lust of the flesh,
- and the {sexual} lust of the eyes,
- and the pride of life,

is not of **the Father**, but is of the world.

Lust: G1939 From G1937; a *longing* (especially for what is forbidden): - concupiscence, desire, lust (after).

1Jn 2:17 **And the world** passeth away, and **the lust** thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Warning Concerning Antichrists

1Jn 2:18

Little children,

it is the last time [time period]:

and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, even now are there **many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1Jn 2:19 *They went out from us, but they were not of us; (Note: Infiltrators, false prophets, witches)*

- 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.

1Jn 2:20 But ye have an unction from **the Holy One**, and ye know all things.

1Jn 2:21 I have **not** written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

1Jn 2:22 Who is a **liar** but **he** that denieth that **Jesus** is the **Christ**? **He is antichrist**, that denieth **the Father** and **the Son**.

1Jn 2:23 Whosoever denieth **the Son**, the same hath not **the Father**:

(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1Jn 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning.

If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in **the Son**, and in **the Father**.

1Jn 2:25 And this is **the promise that he** hath promised us, *even eternal life*.

1Jn 2:26 These *things* have I written unto you concerning *them* that seduce [are trying to deceive] you.

1Jn 2:27 **But the anointing which ye have received of him** abideth in you, and **ye need not that any man teach you**; but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things**,

- and is truth, and is no lie,
- and even as it hath taught you, **ye shall abide in him**.

Remain in Christ

1Jn 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**.

1Jn 2:29 If ye know that **he is righteous**, ye know that **every one that doeth righteousness is born of him**.

1Jn 3:1 Behold, **what manner of love the Father** hath bestowed upon **us**, that **we should be called the sons of God**: therefore **the world** knoweth **us** not, because it knew **him** not.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and **it doth 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**.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath **this hope in him** purifieth himself, even as **he is pure**.

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

1Jn 3:5 And ye know that **he was manifested to take away** our sins; and in him is no sin.

1Jn 3:6 **Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not**: whosoever sinneth hath not seen **him**, neither known **him**.

1Jn 3:7 **Little children**, let no man deceive you:

he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as **he is righteous**.

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is **of the devil**; for **the devil** sinneth **from the beginning**.

Note: God in the very beginning created Satan/Lucifer/the devil blameless and holy, then later in the beginning he rebelled against God. In Ezekiel 38, Lucifer is made reference to by analogy when addressing the king of Tyre.

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

1Jn 3:9 **Whosoever is born of God doth not** commit sin;

- **for his seed** remaineth in him:

- **and he cannot sin**, because **he is born of God**. (**Note**: born again via repentance and believing in Christ)

(See Romans 7 where it describes the flesh as sinning but not the spirit in the same body.)

1Jn 3:10 In this **the children of God** are manifest, and **the children of the devil**:

whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of **God**, neither he that loveth not his brother.

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

1Jn 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**.

1Jn 3:13

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

1Jn 3:14 **We know that we have passed from death unto life**, because we love the brethren.

He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in **death**.

1Jn 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is **a murderer**: and ye know that no murderer hath **eternal life** abiding in him.

1Jn 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.

1Jn 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from **him**, how dwelleth the love of **God** in **him**?

1Jn 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1Jn 3:19

And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

- 1Jn 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, **God** is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

- 1Jn 3:21 Beloved, **if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God**.

- 1Jn 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**.

1Jn 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.

1Jn 3:24 **And he that keepeth his commandments**

- dwelleth in **him**, and **he** in him.

And hereby we know that he abideth in us,

- **by the Spirit** which **he** hath given us.

Test the spirits

1Jn 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.

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit [**spirit** - by context] of **God**: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God**:

1Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that **Jesus Christ** is come in the flesh is not of **God**: and this is that spirit of **antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

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

1Jn 4:5 **They** are of the world: therefore speak **they** of the world, and the world heareth **them**.

Note: There are spirits (angels and demons) on the earth in human form.

1Jn 4:6 We are of **God**: he that knoweth **God** heareth us; he that is not of **God** heareth not us.

Hereby know we **the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error**.

1Jn 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another:

for **love is of God**;

and every one that loveth is born of **God**, and knoweth **God**.

1Jn 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not **God**; for **God is love**.

1Jn 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.

1Jn 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.

1Jn 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1Jn 4:12 No man hath seen **God** at any time.

If we love one another,

- **God dwelleth in us,**
- and **his love** is perfected in us.

1Jn 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us,

- because **he** hath given us of **his Spirit**.

1Jn 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that

the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

1Jn 4:15 **Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God,**

- **God dwelleth in him,**
- and **he in God**.

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that **God** hath to us.

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love

- dwelleth in **God**,
- and **God in him**.

1Jn 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.

1Jn 4:18 **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear**:
because **fear hath torment**. He that feareth is not made **perfect in love**.

1Jn 4:19 We love , because He first loved us . (NASV)	1Jn 4:19 We love him , because he first loved us . (KJV)
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1Jn 4:20 If a man say, I love **God**, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love **God** whom he hath not seen?

1Jn 4:21 And **this commandment** have we from **him**, That he who loveth **God** love his brother also.
(See Matthew 22:34-40)

Born of God - Overcoming the world

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that **Jesus** is the **Christ** is born of **God**:
and every one that loveth **him that begat** loveth **him also that is begotten of him**.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the **children of God**, when we love **God**, and keep his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of **God**, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1Jn 5:4 For **whatsoever is born of God** overcometh the world:
and **this is the victory that** overcometh the world, **even our faith**.

1Jn 5:5 **Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**

1Jn 5:6a **This is he** that came by **water** and **blood**, **even Jesus Christ**; not by **water** only, but by **water** and **blood**.

The witness of God

1Jn 5:7 And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth .	1Jn 5:6b And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth .
1Jn 5:8 For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood ; and the three are in agreement. (NASV)	1Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost : and these three are one. 1Jn 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. (KJV)

Spirit (G4151) From **G4154**; a *current* of air, that is, *breath (blast)* or a *breeze*; by analogy or figuratively a *spirit*, that is, (human) the rational *soul*, (by implication) *vital principle*, mental *disposition*, etc., or (superhuman) an *angel*, *daemon*, or (divine) God, Christ's *spirit*, the Holy *spirit*: - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind.

Water (G5204) From the base of **G5205**; *water* (as if *rainy*) literally or figuratively: - water.

Blood (G129) Of uncertain derivation; *blood*, literally (of men or animals), figuratively (the *juice* of grapes) or specifically (the atoning *blood* of Christ); by implication *bloodshed*, also *kindred*: - blood.

1Jn 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of **God** is greater:

for this is the witness of **God** which he hath testified of **his Son**.

- 1Jn 5:10 **He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself**:
- **he that believeth not God hath made him a liar**; because he believeth not the record {of evidence} that **God** gave of **his Son**.

1Jn 5:11

And this is the **record** {**witness, evidence, testimony**}, that

- **God** hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- 1Jn 5:12 **He that hath the Son** hath life;
- *and* he that hath not **the Son of God** hath not life.

That You May Know

1Jn 5:13 These things have I written unto **you that believe on the name of the Son of God**; **that ye may know** that **ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on **the name of the Son of God**.

1Jn 5:14 And **this is the confidence that we have in him**,
that, **if we ask any thing** according to **his** will, **he** heareth us:
1Jn 5:15 And **if** we know that **he** hear us, whatsoever we ask,
we know that **we have the petitions that we desired of him**.

Sins leading and not leading death

1Jn 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.

Note: Sin leading to death - willful, planned, provisioned, continuous, unrepentant sin - this might be what the writer meant here.

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

Note:

When we sin, we experience the symptoms of spiritual death. We may feel, guilty, empty, confused or disconnected from **God**. We act as the unrighteous rather than as the righteous. Our sin, even as believers, hurts the heart of **God** and grieves His Spirit (Ephesians 4:30). Though it does not sever our relationship with **Him**, our sin does put a barrier between us.

Think of a child and a parent. When a child disobeys, the relationship with his parent is strained. The parent still loves the child and still has the child's best interest at heart. The child never stops belonging to the parent. However, the child may experience some consequences: mistrust, discipline, a sense of guilt, and the like. The relationship is ultimately restored, but generally pain comes first.

So it is with us and **God**. When we rebel against **God's** rule in our lives, we rebel against The Life, and therefore experience "death" (a brokenness resulting in pain). When we return to **God**, we are also restored to spiritual life—communion with **God**, a sense of purpose, righteousness, a sense of freedom, etc. The rejoicing father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son said it best: "This son of mine was dead and is alive again" (Luke 15:24).

Source: <http://www.gotquestions.org/the-wages-of-sin-is-death.html>

Salvation

1Jn 5:18 We know that **whosoever is born of God** sinneth not; but **he that is begotten of God** keepeth himself, and **that wicked one** toucheth him not.

1Jn 5:19 *And we know that we are of God,*

the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. (NASV)	and the whole world lieth in wickedness. (KJV)
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1Jn 5:20 And we know that **the Son of God** is come, and hath 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.

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

2nd John - KJV

2Jn 1:1 The elder

unto the elect lady and her children,
whom I love in the truth; and not I only,

but also all they that have known the truth;

2Jn 1:2 For **the truth**'s sake, **which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever**.

2Jn 1:3 **Grace** be with you, **mercy, and peace**, from **God the Father**, and from **the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father**, in **truth** and **love**.

Love and Remain Steadfast in Christ

2Jn 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in **truth**, as we have received a **commandment** from **the Father**.

2Jn 1:5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, **that we love one another**.

2Jn 1:6 **And this is love**, that we walk after **his commandments**. This is **the commandment**, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

2Jn 1:7 For **many deceivers** are entered into the world, who confess not that **Jesus Christ** is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an **antichrist**.

2Jn 1:8 Look to yourselves,
that we lose not those things which we have wrought [brought forth, accomplished],
but that we receive **a full reward**.

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in **the doctrine of Christ**, hath not **God**.
He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2Jn 1:10 If there come any {deceiver} unto you, and bring not **this doctrine**,

- receive **him** not into *your* house,
- neither bid **him God** speed:

2Jn 1:11 For **he that biddeth him God speed** is partaker of his evil deeds.

Final Greetings

2Jn 1:12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink:
but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

2Jn 1:13 **The children of thy elect sister** greet thee. Amen.

3rd John - KJV

3Jn 1:1 The elder

unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

Gaius spoken well of

3Jn 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3Jn 1:3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

3Jn 1:5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest

- to the brethren,
- and to strangers;

3Jn 1:6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church:

whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

3Jn 1:7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

3Jn 1:8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

Diotrephes falsely accuses and puts people out of the church

3Jn 1:9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

3Jn 1:10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth,

- prating against [unjustly accusing] us with malicious words:
- and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren,
- and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

3Jn 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good.

He that doeth good is of God:

but he that doeth evil hath not seen ^{G3708} God.

Strong's Concordance: ^{G3708} Properly to *stare* at (compare G3700), that is, (by implication) to *discern* clearly (physically or mentally); by extension to *attend* to; by Hebraism to *experience*; passively to *appear*: - behold, perceive, see, take heed.

Demetrius spoken well of

3Jn 1:12 Demetrius hath good report

- of all *men*,
- and of the truth itself:
- yea, and we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

Final Greetings

3Jn 1:13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

3Jn 1:14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face.

Peace *be* to thee.

Our friends salute thee.

Greet the friends by name.