

A bald eagle is shown in flight against a clear blue sky. The eagle's wings are spread wide, and its tail feathers are visible. The eagle's head is white, and its beak is yellow. The eagle is flying towards the right side of the frame.

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# THE BOOK OF FIRST JOHN

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# INTRO

The book of 1 John was written by the Apostle John, the Apostle of Love. This short but powerful book shows us what real Christianity is and the standard for real Christianity is Love. Love one another!

In John's time, many false teachers said that Jesus Christ didn't come in the flesh but only as a Spirit. They didn't believe that He was Man. They taught that the material world is sinful and that is why Jesus Christ could not have a body.

## 1 John 4:1-3

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Through this kind of teaching, they deceived the people into saying that we can't live a holy Christian life. This false teaching gave room for all kinds of sin in the Church. John reacts to this teaching with this book 1 John and shows the real Christianity. First, he shows that Jesus Christ is real and after that, John shows who the real Christians are.

John's revelation of a real Christian is mind-blowing! This revelation will help us to grow in our identity in Christ. It will help us to see our value and potential to be a history maker in this world. In every chapter, we can find a mention of who we are in Christ.

## Chapter 1

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

We can walk in the light as He is in the light. We can have fellowship with the creator of Heaven and Earth. To have fellowship means to be one, to be united. We are united with Christ as the branches are united with the Vine.

## Chapter 2

1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

The Apostle John says when we abide in Him, we should walk like Him! We are united with Him and have the same nature, power, and wisdom as Him.

## Chapter 3

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Now! We are children of God! Jesus Christ was the firstborn among many brothers. Jesus Christ is the ultimate blueprint of the Son of God. As the Father has sent Him, He sends us too. We will be like Him as we see Him. How do you see Him?

## Chapter 4

1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

As He is, so are we in this world. This is an amazing statement of the Apostle John. As He walked in this world, we can walk in this world. Jesus Christ told us that when we believe the scriptures, we can do the same works as He did, and even greater works.

## Chapter 5

1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

When we have the Son, we have life. His life is Eternal life, Supernatural life, and Divine life. When we have the Son, we have everything He has. The same as the branch has everything what the Vine had to offer.

This is a life-changing book and a powerful weapon against false teaching. It doesn't only expose false teachings but also false Christians. Let's study this powerful book!

# 1 JOHN CHAPTER 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, concerning the Word of life—

That which was from the beginning is our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the creator of heaven and earth, and He came to bring us back to His image, the image and likeness of God. That was God's original plan from the beginning!

## **Gen. 1:26**

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

## **Hebr. 1:3**

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

The Apostle John was an eyewitness of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Flesh, the One he has heard, seen, and touched. We are told to hear, see, and understand the Word as well so that it will bring life to our spirit, soul, and body.

## **Prov. 4:20-22**

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

The Word truly became flesh, and He showed the original plan of God for mankind.

## **John 1:1, 14**

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

“ 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

John and the other Apostles saw the manifestation from God in a human body. And that life is the eternal life, God's life. That life was manifested through His Divine Love, Power, Nature and Character.

“ 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

This manifested life of God is available for all who believes.

### **1 John 5:12**

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. The Apostle John received the manifested life of Christ, and He is telling us that we also can have fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ and with the Father. Though the Lord Jesus Christ we are united with the Father, His Kingdom, and His original plan and purposes.

“ 5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

God is “Light” and in Him there is no darkness. When the Apostles walked with the Lord Jesus Christ, they didn’t find any darkness in Him. The Lord Jesus Christ made the Father known to us and said, “when you see me, you see the Father.” The Lord Jesus Christ manifested God’s light to us, and He wants to share this light with us so that we are one.

### **2 Cor. 4:6**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

“ 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

When we have fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ we will walk in the light. When we are united with Him we cannot walk in the darkness because we have the light of life.

### **John 8:12**

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

“ 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we have fellowship with Christ and walk with Him, we will also walk with other spirit filled believers. The believer who is walking in the darkness will have no fellowship with Christ or other believers. This kind of believer is afraid to come into the light and will not be open for communication. See for example Adam in

**Gen. 3:8-9**

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

But now in the N.T. that person can go to the Lord Jesus Christ because His blood cleanses us from all our sins. Christ calls us to turn from darkness to light so that we can have fellowship with Him.

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

Self-righteous people will deny that they have sin and deceive themselves. God can't forgive these kinds of people because they don't acknowledge that they have sin. These kinds of people refuse the truth and don't confess their sin.

“ 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Only when we confess our sins God can forgive our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. God is faithful and righteous, and He not only forgives our sins but He wants to make us righteous as He is righteous. We should be hungry and thirsty for righteousness and seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. Repentance and the confessing of sins will help us to be cleansed from our unrighteousness and walk in His righteousness.

“ 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us

We not only make God a liar when we don't repent, we also will stay a liar ourselves when we say that we didn't sin. When we reject the good news, we ourselves will be bad news to our environment. The bad news is that you stay in your sins and unrighteousness when you reject the good news. People must come to the light to see where they need to be delivered from.

# 1 JOHN CHAPTER 2

“ 1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

If we follow Jesus Christ we should walk in the “Light”.

## **Rom. 6:1-2**

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

If we fall into sin, we have an Advocate who will stand next to us to defend us and help us to receive forgiveness. Our Advocate not only defends us, but He also takes our punishment on Him. Our Advocate paid the price for us on the cross. (See for example Zech. 3:1-8 The Angel of the Lord is Jesus Christ.)

“ 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

The Lord Jesus Christ not only died for our sins but for the sins of the whole world. The only reason that people are not saved and will go to hell is because they don't want to believe in Jesus Christ.

John 16:8-11, 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

## **John 3:16-18**

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

“ 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

If we know Him, we will love Him and when we love Him, we will keep His commandments. If people say that they know Him they will keep His commandments otherwise they are liars. See in John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.



**John 14:21-24**

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

**6** He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we will have fellowship with one another! We can stay in Him walking in the Light and walking in the Holy Spirit. We can walk like the Lord Jesus Christ did. Be Real! We should never say that we can't do the works of Jesus Christ and never say that we can't walk as He did. That is unbelief!

God gave us a Helper, the Holy Spirit who will help us to walk in His ways.

**John 14:12-14**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

**John 14:16-17**

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

“ 7 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. 8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

The Old Commandment became a New Commandment because of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ we are a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come. That means that in Christ we will be able to keep His commandment and love one another through the Spirit of Love.

**Gal. 5:22-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

“ 9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

To walk in Light is to keep His commandments, and His commandment is to love one another! The life that God gives to us is based on love because He is love. When we walk in love we can't hate the people around us, but we can still hate their sinful actions.

“ 12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

A new believer needs to hear this sentence many times. Your sins are forgiven! Sometimes it takes a while to see God's glorious grace and believe that ALL sins are forgiven. Your sins are forgiven!

“ 13 I write to you, fathers,  
Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.  
I write to you, young men,  
Because you have overcome the wicked one.  
I write to you, little children,  
Because you have known the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers,  
Because you have known Him who 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.

The fathers here are mature believers who have known God for a long time. They understand God's original plan and are stable and not moved by anything. The young men are the believers who need to have a breakthrough and are learning how to live a victorious Christian life. Little children mean immature believers, new believers.

“ 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

We should first seek the Kingdom of God and put our hearts on the things above. We are not from this world; we are citizens of Heaven. Don't let anything take you away from that wonderful relationship with God.

**James 4:4**

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

“ 16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life The devil used these three temptations when he tempted Eve.

**Gen. 3:6**

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

**Good for food – “Lust of the flesh”**

**Pleasant to the eyes – “Lust of the eyes”**

**Make one wise – “Pride of Life”**

We see here the three principles of how the devil attacks the children of God. Through studying this you will see and understand the evil methods of the devil. The devil used this method also when he tempted Jesus Christ in Luke 4:1-13

**Change Stones to bread – “Lust of the flesh”**

**See the Kingdoms of the earth – “Lust of the eyes”**

**Throw Yourself from the Pinnacle of the Temple – “Pride of life”**

“ 18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

We know that the Anti-Christ will come. In this time of Globalization, there will be one world leader who stands up and will deceive this world. (See further 2Thess. 2:1-12) But already now some antichrists go against the Words of God and who try to disturb the work of God.

“ 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

The Apostle John means that some people stayed with them but were not from them. Selfish people, not kingdom-minded people. These kinds of people will not stay in the Church! The darkness can not bear the light and only when we walk in the light like Christ is the light we have fellowship with one another. Satan also sends his agents into the Church to disturb God's work.

“ 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

We received an anointing from God, and we can know all things. The anointing is the Holy Spirit which God gave to us when we believed in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we can distinguish what is right or false. Some believers have even a special gift of the Holy Spirit to discern the spirits.

#### **1Cor. 12:10**

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. We can know Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and when we know Him we will easily see what is not from God.

“ 22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Some movements say that Jesus was a prophet, a good man, or a servant of God. They are liars because Jesus is the Christ! When they deny Christ, they also don't have the Father. Even when they say that we all have the same God, their god is the devil, the Father of lies.

“ 24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.

Hold on to the simple but powerful gospel.

### **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. False teachers always come with something else than this good news.

“ 26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

We have to be warned against false teachers because they come as wolves with sheep's clothing. The devil always wants to attack the Church and uses his agents.

“ 27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

It is the Holy Spirit who teaches the believer.

### **John 14:26**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. A true Bible teacher will help you to trust and to walk in the Holy Spirit. That will help the believer to depend on the Holy Spirit who will teach people in His unique way.

“ 28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him

When we stay in Him, He will stay in us. Jesus Christ is the righteous One, and those who stay in Him take part in His righteousness. By faith we become righteous, and the righteous will live by faith. So, let's continue to follow Him and grow in Him so that we may bear fruit for His Kingdom. Through the fruits, you can recognize the tree so he who practices (does) righteousness is born of Him.

# 1 JOHN CHAPTER 3

“ 1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

We can rejoice for the love the Father has bestowed upon us. We are children of God and that is the best thing that could ever happen to us. We are born again; we have received the forgiveness of sin and eternal life. We are so rich! We are now citizens from heaven and that is why the world doesn't know us and doesn't understand us. But we rejoice!

“ 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

We are children of God now and we will be like Jesus Christ in His glorified state. The best still has to come! The Bible teaches us that when Jesus Christ comes back our bodies will be changed, and we will become like Him.

## **Phil. 3:20-21**

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Today we can walk like Christ did and do the same works because we see Him like He is. We can become more like Him through knowing Him. Let's grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

“ 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

When we know that we will meet our Savior face to face we will purify ourselves. When we know Him, we will have the fear of the Lord. And when we see that He is Holy we should be holy.

“ 4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

Whoever commits sin means; whoever practices sin, he who sins continually. We still can struggle with sin and temptations but because we are a new creation, we don't want to practice sin. Jesus Christ came to take our sins away. If you know Him you don't want to sin because He loves you. If you continue to practice sin you don't know Him. How can you practice sin when you are one with Him?

“ 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

Righteousness is not only a positional state of righteousness, but it should be a manifested righteousness. We should show our faith by our actions.

We remember the background of why the Apostle John wrote this epistle. Some false teachers say that we sin because our bodies are sinful. They say that to have an excuse to continue to live in sin. But let no one deceive you!

#### **1John 2:4+6**

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

“ 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

He who practices sin is from the devil. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He crushed the head of the devil, and the power of the devil was destroyed. Christ wants to destroy the works of the devil in our lives as well.



### **Hebr. 2:14**

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

And so also when we die unto ourselves, are crucified with Him, the works of the devil will be destroyed. (that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death) When we are crucified, dead, buried, and risen with Him, God will be able to work through us. Not our will but His will, not our power but His power.

“ 9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

Who is born out of God does not sin. The Holy Spirit doesn't sin and so we must choose to walk in the Holy Spirit every day. He must increase, but I must decrease.

We can walk in the Holy Spirit through faith. We should not despise our birthright like Esau did and miss our inheritance to walk in the Holy Spirit.

“ 10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

The manifestation of the children of the devil is clear. They don't practice righteousness and don't love other Christians. God is love and those who are one with God should be love as God is love.

“ 11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

We should not be like a Cain Christian. A Cain Christian doesn't love his brother but is jealous and has a competitive spirit. Cain murdered his brother because his brother was righteous and that is why this world hates Christians. Just like the religious people (Pharisees) hated Jesus Christ and murdered Him. Religious people are walking in the flesh and are separated from God.

“ 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

When we love our eternal family, we can see that we have passed from death to life. The life of Christ in us is manifested by love. But those who hate their brother are murderers.

**Matt. 5:21**

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

“ 16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Real love is laying down your life for the believers, the body of Christ. We should help, encourage, and pray for other believers. When we see a believer in need, we have to take action otherwise our love is empty.

“ 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

We should not only say but also do and put our faith into action. When we obey God's Word by doing God's will, we will have confidence before God. When we are not walking in God's ways our own heart condemns us because we didn't do well.

“ 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

When we walk in God's ways, we will have the confidence to pray and ask God for His blessings. When we obey God, we will have the confidence to ask and we will receive whatever we ask of Him. The key to a strong prayer life is to have a good relationship with God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him

“ 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.

We should believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love God above all. With His love, we have the commandment to love one another. That should be our focus in life!

“ 24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

So again, those who keep His commandments know Him and stay in Him. To abide in Him, to stay in Him, means to be one with Him. We have to be aware that we are in Him and He is in us. The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the example of the vine and the branches.

#### **John 15:7**

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. And we know that He stays in us through His Word and Spirit who lives in us and helps us to fulfill God's commandments.

# 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4

“ 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Test the spirits, do not believe everybody. As the Lord Jesus warned for false prophets, also the Apostle John warns the believers against false prophets. There are MANY false prophets! We are citizens of Heaven, and we are on the territory of the enemy. Be on your guard!

“ 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

False teaching is from the Antichrist, the devil. Every teaching that denies that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came in the flesh comes from the Antichrist. Jesus Christ had to come in the flesh otherwise He could not take our place on the cross to die in our place for our sins. And that is why Jesus Christ can give eternal life to the one who believes. The devil comes with false religions and false teachings so that people will not put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

“ 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Don't be afraid. 2Tim. 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

We are on the territory of the enemy, but we should not forget that God is with us, the angels are with us and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

## **2Kings 6:16-17**

So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

“ 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

People in the world and fleshly Christians like to hear fleshly teachings.

**Rom. 8:5**

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

The worldly people are just living for themselves the same as fleshly Christians do. That is why fleshly Christians listen to worldly people.

**2Tim. 4:3-4**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

But those who belong to God want to hear the Words of God and will follow as a sheep that follows the Shepherd.

“ 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

The Key of Christian life is love and God is love. Those who are born again, born out of the Spirit will love and know what love is. Those who are born of God are love because God is love. The Holy Spirit is God and God is love.

**Gal. 5:22-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

“ 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

The love was manifested, not only through words but also through action. God gave His only Son who suffered so much to save us from our sins. Through Him, we can live the life God wants us to live and so God's love will be manifested in the Church and in this world through the believers.

“ 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

God is the creator and the initiator of all things. He is the beginning of all things and God loved us first. This love was manifested in that God gave His son for sinners.

**Rom. 5:8-10**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

God's love is so great that He loved His enemies and God gave His Son to save His enemies. God shows us the way when He says we should love our enemies.

“ 12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

We never have seen God, but we can recognize God in believers. Through love! When we love one another God's love is perfected in us. Jesus Christ gave us this command so that people can see that we are God's children.

**John 13:34-35**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

There is no other way for a Christian to walk in love. We only can walk in God's love through the Holy Spirit. God living in you and God working through you.

“ 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

Some people say that Jesus Christ was a nice man, a good person, a prophet, or God's servant. But the real Christian knows that Jesus Christ is more than that, He is the Son of God. Those who know Him will stay in Him.

“ 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son! The person who walks in love walks in God! Because God is love! That is how we know that God is in us. John, the apostle of love, describes a unity with God that should make us hungry for more of God.

“ 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

When we walk as Jesus Christ did, we will have boldness on the day of Judgment. Even now we will have the boldness to come before the Throne of Grace in the most Holy Place.

#### **Hebr. 10:19-20**

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

As He is, so are we in this world. As the Father has sent Jesus Christ, He will send us too.

We have way more power and authority than we think. He sends us to cast out demons and to heal the sick. We have to walk in the Light as He is in the Light.

#### **1Joh. 1:7**

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

“ 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

Jesus Christ walked in this world to do the will of the Father, to live for the Kingdom of God. If we walk in that way we will be in love with God and in that love, there is no fear. We don't have to be afraid for His torment, because we believe that Christ took our punishment and torment on the cross.

“ 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

The commandment is: Love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself.

**Matt. 22:37-40**

Jesus said to him, ""You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

All of God's commandments need to be fulfilled with love! We can walk in love because we are forgiven by God. Now we have to love people as God loves us.



# 1 JOHN CHAPTER 5

“ 1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

We love God because He loved us first. That is why we love Jesus Christ because He is God and came from God to save us and give us new life. We can't say that Jesus is better than the Father or that the Father is more powerful than Jesus Christ. Christ and the Father are one! Any other teaching is from the Antichrist and false prophets.

“ 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

And how do we love one another? Through keeping God's commandments, we will love one another. The commandments are to love God above all and your neighbor as yourself.

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When we love God we keep His commandments, because His commandment is to love God above all and our neighbor as ourselves. His commandments are not burdensome.

## **Matt. 11:28-30**

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

“ 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

His commandments are not burdensome because of our faith. We must overcome three things in this world, sin, flesh, and the world. If we believe that God wants to work through us with the power of the Holy Spirit, we will overcome. We can overcome sin, flesh, and the world through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ will give His resurrection power to all who believe.

#### **John 7:38-39**

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

“ 6 This is He who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

Water tells us about His physical body because we exist 70% out of water, the same as the world does. Blood tells us about His soul because the soul is in the blood. Lev. 17:11 The Spirit of God helped the body and the soul to be a true witness in this world. This shows that Jesus Christ had Spirit, soul, and body.

“ 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

There are three witnesses in heaven: the Father, the Word (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. These three are better known as the Trinity God.

There are three witnesses on the earth: the water (physical body), the blood (the soul), and the Spirit (Divine nature).

We were created in God's image, if He is a Trinity God, then we are a Trinity being, body, soul, and Spirit.

“ 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. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

God is giving us a testimony and if we don't believe His testimony, we make God a liar. The testimony God gave was the testimony about His Son. God gave a testimony when Jesus was baptized in water,

**Matt. 3:17**

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." and when He gave His blood on the cross

**Matt. 27:50-51**

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, And the third testimony is that the Holy Spirit helps us to know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

“ 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

God gave us eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ. When we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior we have eternal life, because the life is in His Son.

“ 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

He who has the Son has not a religion but an abundant life. This abundant life is the powerful indestructible eternal life of Jesus Christ. When you have Jesus Christ then you have the powerful indestructible eternal life of Jesus Christ.

The testimony is that Jesus Christ gave His life for sinners, and He wants to live His life through us. This is the mystery that was hidden for so many years but is now revealed in the New Testament.

**Col. 1:27**

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

“ 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

John wrote these things so that we may know! In the gospel of John, he wrote that we may believe. John 20:21 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. But here in 1 John, he writes that we believe and know that we have eternal life. Do we believe this testimony, or do we want to make God a liar? Accept His Grace!

“ 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

And from knowing that we have eternal life in Christ we even have the confidence to pray to God. And if we pray according to God's will, we KNOW that He hears our prayer. God wants us to believe in Him because without faith we can't please Him. (Hebr. 11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Let's study God's Word diligently to find what the will of God is for our lives, families, Church, and Nation and He will hear our prayers prayed according to God's will.

“ 16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

All sins can be forgiven except the sin of not believing in Christ. (John 16:9, John 3:18)

But still, the Bible talks about another sin that leads to death.

See for example Ananias and Saphira in Acts chapter 5:5+10. See also the believers who died because of taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner. (1Cor. 11:30) These people died because of their sins. When we pray for sinners, we have to listen to the Holy Spirit so that we pray according to God's will. Our prayers have to power to give life.

“ 18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.  
19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

God's children are born out of God and will not practice sin and they will be saved in this world. When we walk in God's way the wicked one will flee from us.

#### **James 4:7**

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

When we walk in God's way the wicked will not be able to touch us. We belong to God and are from the Kingdom of Heaven and we live in this world that is ruled by the devil.

It is time to take over!

“ 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.  
21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Jesus Christ is the truth.

#### **John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

And through Him, we can know and come to the true God. There is no other way, and all other ways are idols. These can be idols from stone or wood, but wrong doctrines and false religions can be idols too. Let nothing take you away from the real thing. Jesus Christ is Lord!