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# Fellowship With God Is Possible

## I John 1:1-4

fellowship is made possible through Christ - verses 1-2  
 fellowship is with both the Father and the Son - verses 3-4

“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 -- <sup>2</sup> 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 -- <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.”

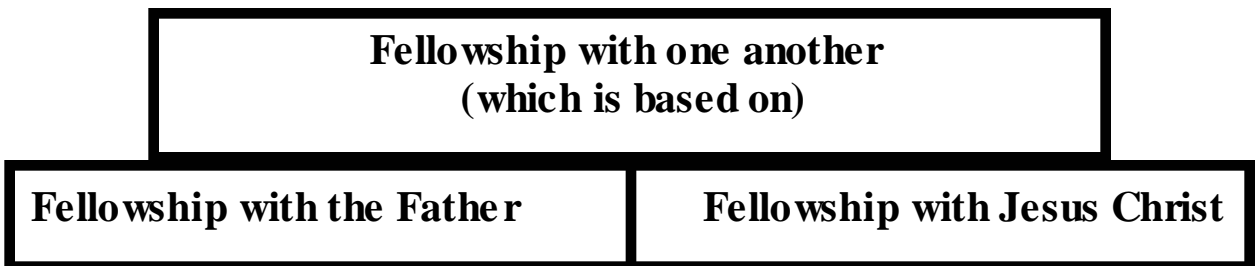
### Four ways the disciples got to know Christ - the eternal Word of Life

<b>Heard Him</b> John 20:19	<b>Saw Him</b> John 20:20-23	<b>Really studied Him</b> Mark 3:13-14	<b>Felt His Wounds</b> John 20:24-29
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### Two things that the disciples saw and reveal to us

At one point in time Christ was revealed on earth	Throughout eternity Christ was eternal with the Father
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### Three things the disciples wanted for all Christians



Results when we have fellowship with one another, the Father and Jesus Christ

**Our Joy Will Be Full**  
because of our shared life

# Fellowship and Walking in the Light

## I John 1:5-7

God is the source of light - verse 5

God does not fellowship with those walking in darkness - verse 6

God does fellowship with those walking in the light - verse 7

“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. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> 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.”

**What the disciples heard from Christ and are now telling us**

**God is light and in Him is no darkness at all**

**How to enjoy fellowship with God**

<b>The people not enjoying fellowship</b>	<b>The people enjoying fellowship</b>
<b>Individuals walking in darkness</b>	<b>Individuals walking in the light</b>
<b>When those in darkness claim to have fellowship</b>	<b>Why those in the light really have fellowship</b>
they lie they do not practice the truth	they walk in the light they walk where God is

**Results of walking in the Light**

**We have fellowship with one another**

**Why we do not have sin**

**The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin**

# Confession and Forgiveness

## I John 1:8-10

confession is necessary or we deceive ourselves - verse 8  
 confession brings forgiveness and cleansing - verse 9  
 confession is necessary or we call God a liar - verse 10

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”

### Three groups who do not have fellowship with God

<b>those who are walking in darkness</b> <b>those who say they no longer sin</b> <b>those who say they have never sinned</b>	<b>verse 6</b> <b>verse 8</b> <b>verse 10</b>	<b>they lie</b> <b>they deceive themselves</b> <b>they call God a liar</b>
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### The way Christians can enjoy continuing fellowship with God

<b>What we do</b>
<b>Confess our sins - to agree with God that we are guilty</b>
<b>What God is and does</b>
<b>God is faithful - God keeps His Word</b> <b>God is just - God is right to forgive because Christ paid the penalty</b> <b>God forgives - God lets go of our sin because the penalty is paid</b> <b>God cleanses - God makes us clean from our sin</b>

<b>The Character of God</b>	<b>The Compassion of God</b>
<b>He is faithful</b> <b>He is just</b>	<b>He forgives</b> <b>He cleanses</b>

# **Christians in the Courtroom**

## **I John 2:1-2**

Christ is our Advocate when we sin - verse 1  
Christ, Himself paid for our sin - verse 2

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

### **Understanding who is in the courtroom**

**the person on trial - you or I**  
**the accuser or prosecuting attorney - Satan**  
**the Advocate or defense attorney - Christ**  
**the Judge - God, the Father**

### **Understanding why we need an Advocate or Defense Attorney**

**we commit sin as a Christian**  
**I John 1:8-2:1**  
**Satan is the accuser of the brethren and accuses us of our sin**  
**Revelation 12:10**

### **Understanding what happens when we are accused**

**Christ, the Righteous One, says that He paid the penalty for sin**  
**Christ says that we accepted His payment for our sin (repentance and faith)**  
**John 3:16; John 5:24; Romans 10:9-10**

### **Understanding how the Father rules on the case brought by Satan**

**The Father says that He is satisfied with the payment (propitiation)**  
**the Father says that all sins past, present and future are removed**  
**Isaiah 44:22; Psalm 103:12; Micah 7:19; Hebrews 10:17-18**  
**the Father says that the case is dismissed for lack of evidence**  
**John 1:29; John 3:18; II Corinthians 5:21**

# **Learning to Walk in the Light**

## **I John 2:3-6**

obedience is evidence that we know Christ - verse 3  
obedience requires more than just words - verse 4  
obedience develops our love to maturity - verse 5  
obedience will cause us to follow the example of Christ - verse 6

“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup>He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

### **Obedience to Christ shows that we know Christ**

**As we really get to know Christ  
we choose to obey His commandments**

### **Obedience requires more than just words**

**Some people say, I know Christ but they do not obey His commandments  
God says that they are liars  
God says that the truth is not in them**

### **Obedience develops our love to maturity**

**we choose to obey the Word  
God chooses to bring the love of God to maturity in our lives  
we gain a fuller understanding of the fact that we are in Christ**

### **Obedience will cause us to follow the example of Christ**

**When we abide in Christ  
we choose to walk  
in the same way Christ walked**

# Learning to Walk in Love

## I John 2:7-11

obedience involves an old commandment - verse 7  
obedience involves a new commandment - verse 8  
obedience is not happening when we hate - verse 9  
obedience is happening when we love our brother - verse 10  
obedience is not happening when we hate our brother - verse 11

“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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. <sup>10</sup> He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. <sup>11</sup> 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.”

### **Obedience involves an old commandment**

**the old commandment is to love one another - 3:11**  
**the old commandment has been taught from the beginning**

### **Obedience involves a new commandment**

**the new commandment is to love as Christ loved us - John 15:12**  
**the new commandment can be obeyed when we are in the light**

### **Obedience is not happening when we hate**

**The one who hates is still in darkness**

### **Obedience is happening when we love our brother**

**the one who loves his brother is in the light**  
**the one who loves his brother does not stumble**

### **Obedience is not happening when we hate our brother**

**hate causes a person to be blinded**

# Learning to Grow to Maturity

## I John 2:12-14

"I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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."

### Growth begins at spiritual birth

#### I Peter 2:2

"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,"  
**A spiritual baby wants food**

### Growth is needed so we do not remain a spiritual toddler (small child)

#### I Corinthians 13:11

"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

**A spiritual toddler wants his needs met**

### Characteristics of a spiritual child (growing child)

He knows his sins are forgiven - verse 12  
He knows the Father - verse 13

### Characteristics of a spiritual young man

He is strong (in spirit) - verse 14; Luke 1:80; 2:40  
He has the Word of God abiding in Him - verse 14  
He has overcome the wicked one - verses 13, 14

### Characteristics of a spiritual parent

He has known Him who is from the beginning - verses 13, 14  
He has spiritual children whom he loves - I Corinthians 4:14-17  
He shows the care of a nursing mother - I Thessalonians 2:7-9  
He provides the example of a godly father - I Thessalonians 2:10-12

# Changing our Love for the World

## I John 2:15-17

love for the world prevents experiencing the love of the Father - verse 15  
love for the world causes us to be tempted in three ways - verse 16  
love for God causes us to live forever - verse 17

"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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

### Love for the world prevents experiencing the love of the Father

we are not to love the world system  
we are not to love the things that are in the world  
we see many people who do love the things in the world  
we must make a choice

Do we want to love the world? or  
Do we want to experience the love of the Father?

Love for the world causes us to be tempted in three ways  
(these are the same three ways that Adam and Eve were tempted)

the lust of the flesh - Eve saw that the tree was good for food  
the lust of the eyes - Eve saw that the tree was pleasant to the eyes  
the pride of life - Eve desired to become worldly wise

Love for God causes us to live forever

we can choose the  
worldly lusts



the world and it's  
lusts will pass away

we can choose the  
will of God



we will abide  
forever

# Learning to Recognize the Truth

## I John 2:18-20

there are many antichrists who want to deceive us - verse 18  
there are characteristics which help us recognize antichrists - verse 19  
there is given to every Christian an anointing (the Holy Spirit) - verse 20

"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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."

### There are many antichrists who want to deceive us

the antichrists know it is the last time  
there will be a great antichrist who will come  
the little antichrists are already here  
they cause us to recognize it is the last time

### There are characteristics which help us recognize antichrists

they went out from us  
(they changed their teaching about Christ)  
they were not true Christians  
true Christians give true teaching about Christ  
their teachings reveal that they are antichrists

### There is given to every Christian an anointing (the Holy Spirit)

Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit - John 15:26-27  
Christ said the Spirit is our downpayment - Ephesians 1:13-14  
Christ said the Holy Spirit would teach us - John 14:26  
Christ wants us to walk in the Spirit - Galatians 5:16  
Christ wants us to be led by the Spirit - Galatians 5:18  
Christ wants us to be filled with the Spirit - Ephesians 5:18

# **Learning to Depend on the Spirit**

## **I John 2:21-23**

the Holy Spirit helps us to know the truth - verse 21  
the Holy Spirit helps us to recognize antichrists - verse 22  
the Holy Spirit causes us to confess the Son - verse 23

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

### **The Holy Spirit helps us to know the truth**

**we have the truth in the Word of God**  
**we have the truth and can know it**  
**we recognize that no lie is of the truth**

### **The Holy Spirit helps us to recognize antichrists**

**some antichrists deny that Jesus came in the flesh**  
**(Jesus is His earthly name and recognizes His humanity)**  
**Some antichrists deny the deity of Christ**  
**(they do not recognize the relationship between the Father and the Son)**

### **The Holy Spirit causes us to confess the Son**

**a denial of the Son is a rejection of the Father**  
**an acceptance of the Son is an acceptance of the Father**

# **The Holy Spirit Teaches us the Truth**

## **I John 2:24-27**

the Holy Spirit helps us to abide in Christ - verse 24  
the Holy Spirit gives us the assurance of eternal life - verse 25  
the Holy Spirit protects us from those who seduce - verse 26  
the Holy Spirit continues to teach us - verse 27

“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. <sup>25</sup> And this is the promise that He has promised us -- eternal life. <sup>26</sup> These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. <sup>27</sup> 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.”

### **The Holy Spirit helps us to abide in Christ**

**The Word is what we have heard from the beginning**

**The Word needs to be the center of our thoughts and meditation**

**The Word as it is obeyed will help us abide in both the Father and Son**

**The Holy Spirit gives us the assurance of eternal life**

**God gave a promise to every Christian  
ETERNAL LIFE**

**The Holy Spirit protects us from those who seduce**

**There are those who are trying to deceive us**

**The Holy Spirit continues to teach us**

**The Holy Spirit lives in us**

**The Holy Spirit teaches us to recognize what is false**

**The Holy Spirit teaches us to recognize what is true**



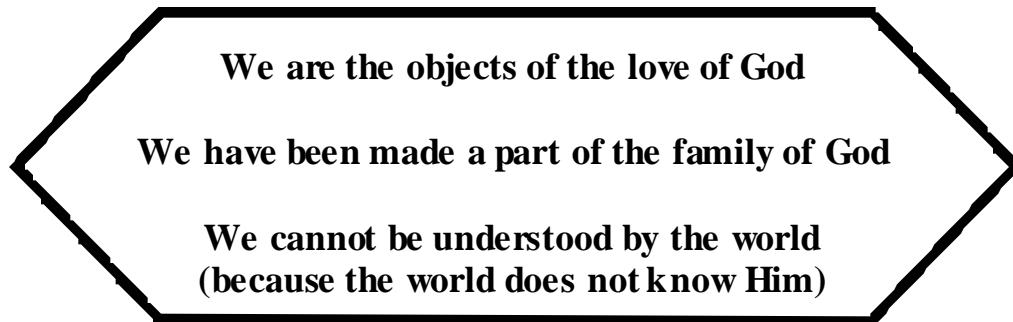
# Learning why we want a Pure Life

## I John 3:1-3

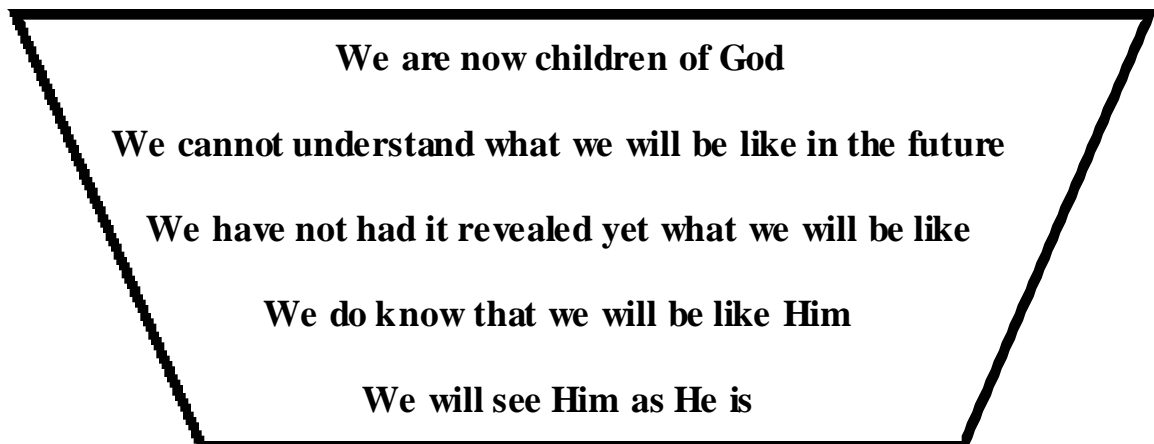
God has shown great love to us - verse 1  
God is helping us become like Him - verse 2  
God is helping to purify ourselves - verse 3

“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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

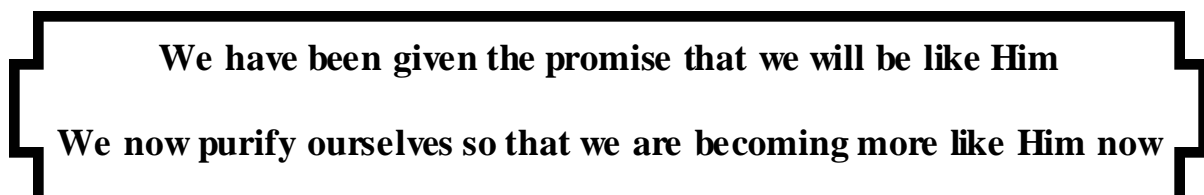
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**God is helping us become like Him**



**God is helping us purify ourselves**



# Learning to Grow in Purity

## I John 3:4-6

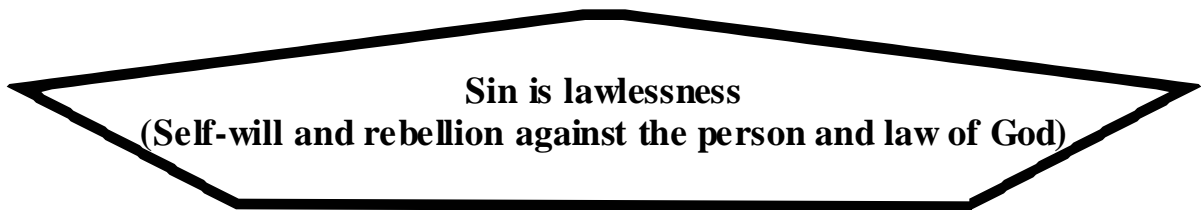
Christ says that sin is lawlessness - verse 4

Christ came to take away our sins - verse 5

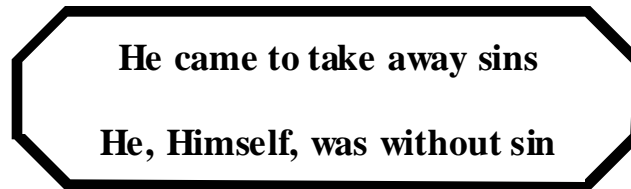
Christ says we are to abide in Him - verse 6

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

### The definition of sin



### The reason why Christ came to this earth



### The two choices in the way we respond to Christ



**OR**



# Learning to become more like Christ

## I John 3:7-9

Christ is the One who is righteous - verse 7  
Christ came to destroy the works of the devil - verse 8  
Christ has given us a new nature - verse 9

"Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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."

### How to keep from being deceived

**Make it our purpose to practice righteousness**  
**Follow the example of the One who is righteous**

### Christ came to destroy the works of the devil

**The devil is the source of sin**  
**The devil has sinned from the beginning**  
**The Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil**

### Christ has given us a new nature

**Spiritual birth means we will not practice sin**  
**Spiritual birth means we have been given a new nature**  
**Spiritual birth means that we cannot practice sin**  
**Spiritual birth means we have spiritual life**

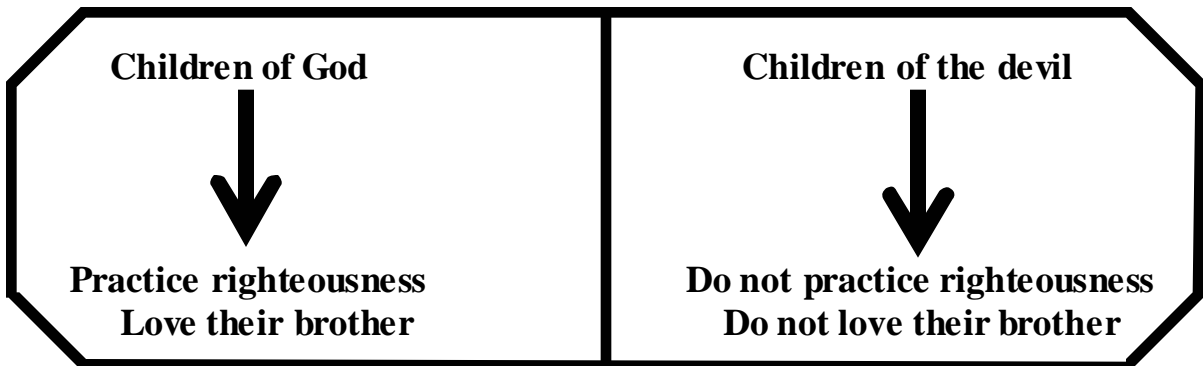
# Learning to Love One Another

## I John 3:10-12

Love happens as we practice righteousness - verse 10  
 Love has been commanded from the beginning - verse 11  
 Love was not practiced by Cain - verse 12

"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. <sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, <sup>12</sup> 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."

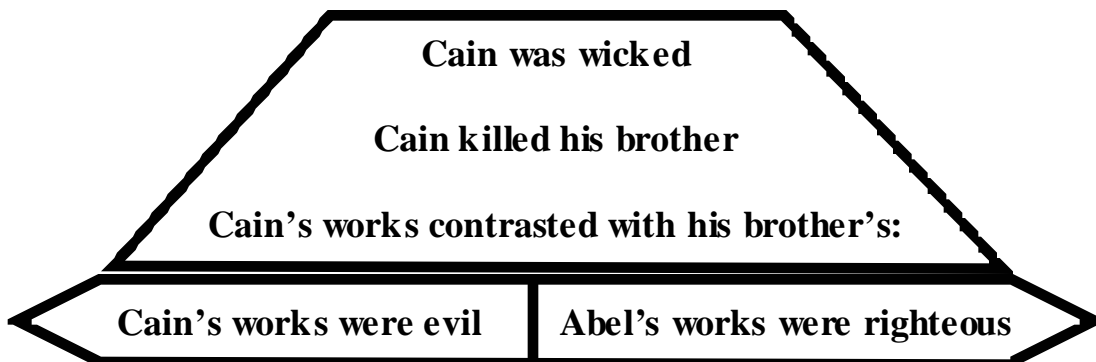
### Love happens as we practice righteousness



### Love has been commanded from the beginning



### Love was not practiced by Cain



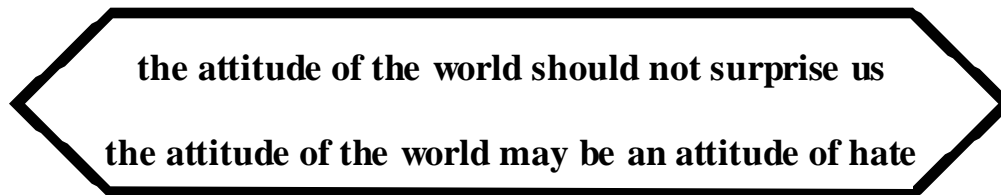
# Learning why the World Hates

## I John 3:13-15

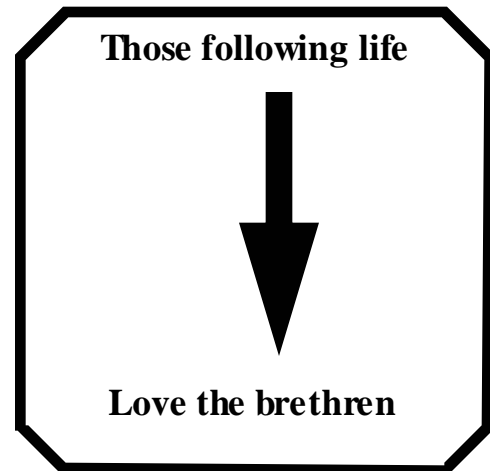
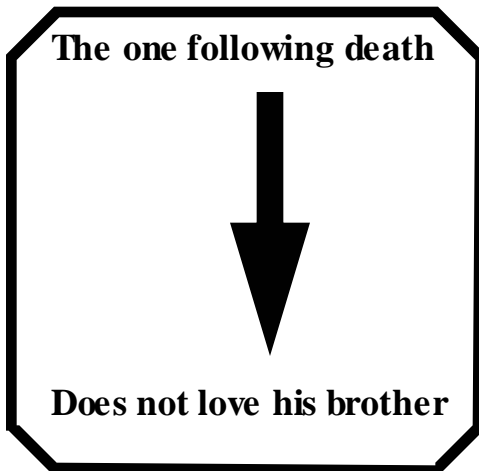
we may be hated by the world - verse 13  
we have passed from death to life - verse 14  
we know the ultimate results of hate - verse 15

“Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

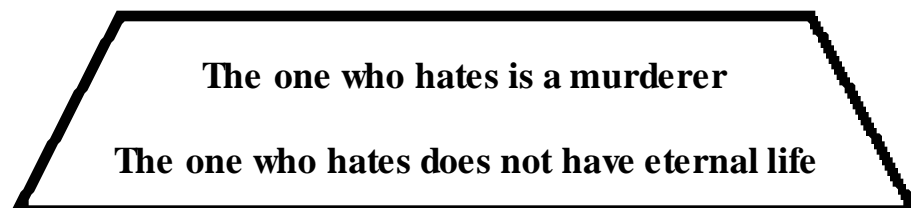
**We may be hated by the world**



**We have passed from death to life**



**We know the ultimate results of hate**



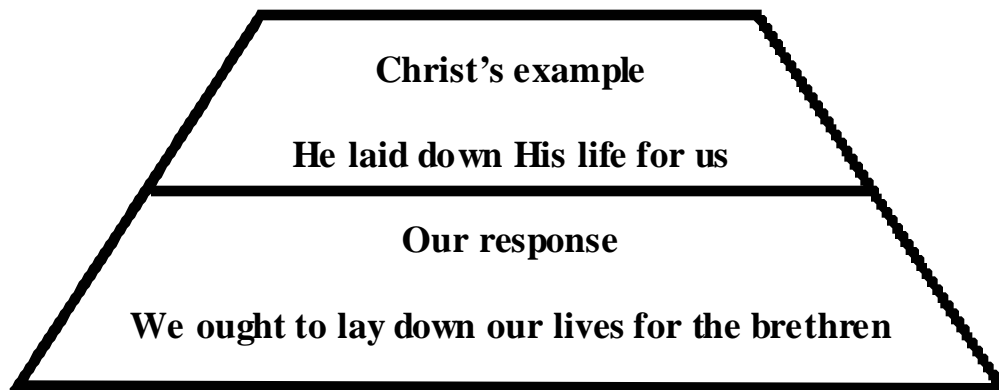
# Learning to show Love by our Actions

## I John 3:16-18

love is shown by yielding our life for one another - verse 16  
love is learning to meet the needs of our brother - verse 17  
love is shown by action and in truth - verse 18

“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. <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

**Love is shown by yielding our life for one another**



**Love is learning to meet the needs of our brother**

**God may have given us some of this world's goods**

**God causes us to see the need of a brother**

**God says that love is shown by sharing**

**Love is to be shown by actions**



# Learning to Enjoy a Clear Conscience

## I John 3:19-21

a clear conscience happens as we walk in truth - verse 19

a clear conscience comes from God - verse 20

a clear conscience give us confidence toward God - verse 21

“And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. <sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.”

**A clear conscience happens as we walk in truth**

**We can know that we are of the truth**

**We can have peace in our hearts before God**

**A clear conscience comes from God**

**God knows when we are convicted by our conscience**

**God is able to clear our conscience**

*we are to confess our sins*

*God is faithful to forgive our sins*

*God is just to forgive our sins*

*God also promises to cleanse us*

*I John 1:9*

**God knows all that we think, say or do**

**A clear conscience gives us confidence toward God**

**Confession takes away the guilt of sin**

**Confession gives us confidence toward God**

**Are you enjoying a clear conscience?**

# **The Benefits of Godly Living**

## **I John 3:22-24**

Christ promises to answer our prayers - verse 22  
Christ gives us power to love one another - verse 23  
Christ gave us the Spirit to abide in us - verse 24

“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.”

### **Christ promises to answer our prayers (conditions for answered prayer)**

**We bring our requests to God**  
**We obey His commandments**  
**We do those things that please Him**

### **Christ gives us the power to love one another**

**God has given us commandments to obey**  
**God commands us to believe in the name of Christ**  
**God commands us to love one another**

### **Christ gave us the Spirit to abide in us**

**We abide in Christ by keeping His commandments**  
**We also experience Christ abiding in us**  
**We know He abides in us because He has given us the Spirit**

# Learning to test the spirits

## I John 4:1-3

spirits can be either true or false - verse 1  
spirits from God confess Christ's humanity - verse 2  
spirits from Satan do not confess Christ's humanity - verse 3

"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. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup> 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."

**spirits can be either true or false**

**we are not to believe every spirit**

**we are to test the spirits**

**we are to determine whether they come from God**

**we are to realize there are many false prophets**

**spirits from God confess Christ's humanity**

**all Christians have been given the Holy Spirit**

**those who have the Holy Spirit confess the humanity of Christ**

**spirits from Satan do not confess Christ's humanity**

**those who do not confess the humanity of Christ do not have the Spirit**

**those who deny Christ have the spirit of antichrist**

*we have been warned about the spirit of antichrist*

*we can know the spirit of antichrist is present*

# Learning we have Overcome

## I John 4:4-6

we are of God and have overcome - verse 4  
we see the world listen to false prophets - verse 5  
we will be heard by those who know God -verse 6

“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. <sup>5</sup> They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. <sup>6</sup> 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.”

**We are of God and have overcome**

**Our new life is now from God**

**Our new life means that we have already overcome false spirits**

**Our source of power is from the Holy Spirit who lives within us**

**The Holy Spirit is greater than any other spirit**

**We see the world will listen to false prophets**

**false prophets are part of the world system**

**false prophets tell the world what it wants to hear**

**false prophets have the world listen to them**

**We will be heard by those who know God**

**God says that we are now His children**

**God says that other Christians will listen to Christians**

**God says that the world does not listen to Christians**

**God says that helps us know truth and error**

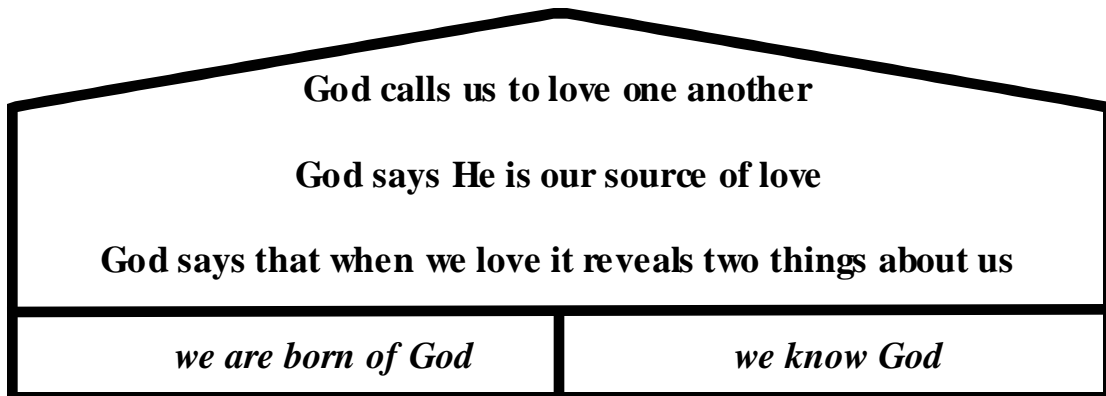
# Learning to live in Love

## I John 4:7-9

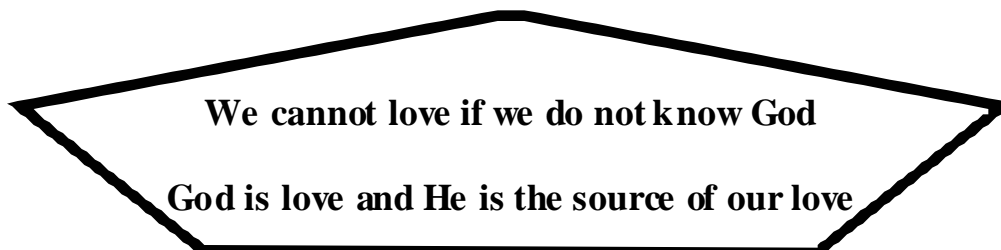
we are to love one another - verse 7  
we must know God to love others - verse 8  
we love by responding to God's love - verse 9

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>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."

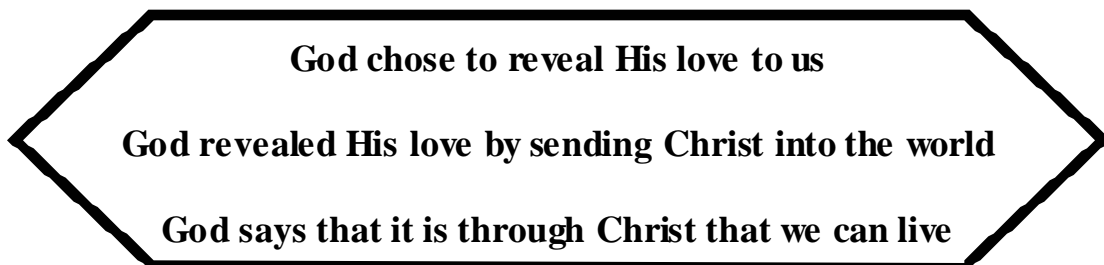
### We are to love one another



### We must know God to love others



### We love by responding to God's love



# Learning how to Grow in Love

## I John 4:10-11

love was shown by the Father to us - verse 10  
love gives us power to love others - verse 11

"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. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

### Love was shown by the Father to us

#### Understanding the true nature of love

**Love does not have its source in our love for God**

**Love has its source in God's love for us**

**Love was shown by God sending Christ to pay for our sins**

**Propitiation means:  
God was satisfied with Christ's payment for our sins**

**Love gives us power to love others**

**We grow in our understanding of God's love for us**

**Our response:**

**We respond by loving one another**

**Our new commandment  
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. <sup>35</sup> "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**We yield ourselves to God - Romans 6:13-16**

**We take root in the love of Christ - Ephesians 3:17-19**

**We grow in our understanding of that love - Romans 8:31-39**

**We let God's love flow through us - I John 4:11**

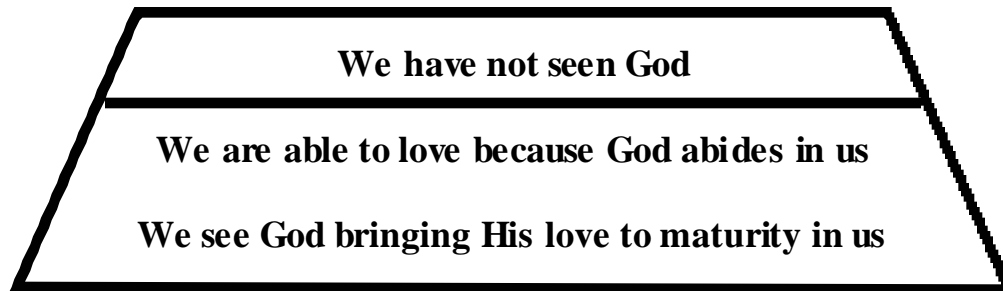
# Learning to abide in God's love

## I John 4:12-15

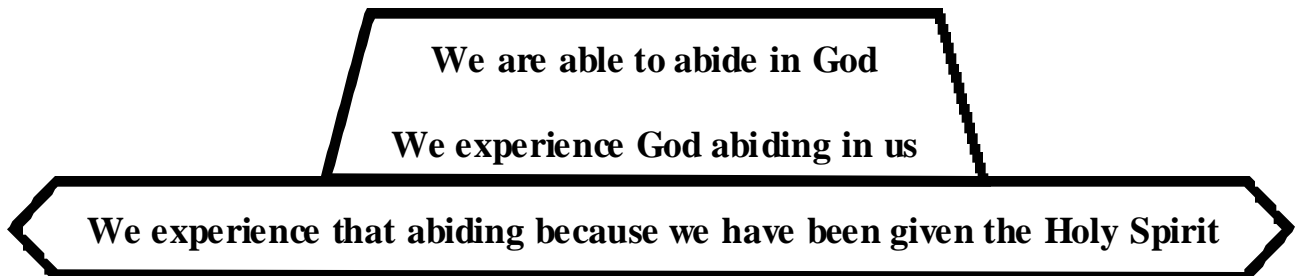
God is causing His love to mature in us - verse 12  
God gave us the Holy Spirit to abide in us - verse 13  
God sent the Son to be our Savior - verse 14  
God causes us to recognize the Son as God - verse 15

"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. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

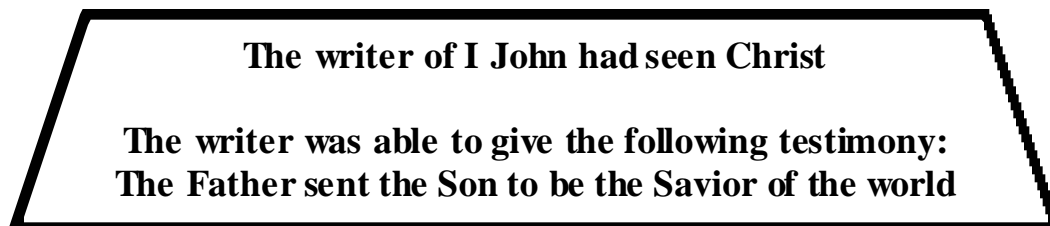
**God is causing His love to mature in us**



**God sent His Holy Spirit to abide in us**



**God sent the Son to be our Savior**



**God causes us to recognize the Son as God so that we confess Him**



# **Learning how Love casts out Fear**

## **I John 4:16-18**

love has its source in God - verse 16  
love gives us boldness in the day of judgment - verse 17  
love casts out fear as it matures - verse 18

“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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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.”

### **Love has its source in God**

**We have experienced the love of God in two ways**

**We have known (experienced) the love that God has for us**

**We have believed what God has said about His love for us**

### **Love gives us boldness in the day of judgment**

**Boldness is the result of God showing His perfect love to us**

**Boldness will be our privilege on the day of judgment**

**Boldness can be our experience in the present**

### **Love as it matures casts out fear**

**Love and fear are two opposites**

**Love casts out fear and its torment**

**Love has not yet come to maturity if we still fear**

# Love is our proper response to God

## I John 4:19-21

love is our response to the love of God - verse 19  
love for God cannot agree with hate for others - verse 20  
love for others happens as we love God - verse 21

"We love Him because He first loved us. <sup>20</sup> 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? <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also."

### Love is our response to the love of God

**We choose to respond to the love of God by loving Him**

**We choose to respond because He first loved us**

### Love for God cannot agree with hate for others

**A person is a liar who claims:**

**To love God      While      Hating his brother**

**Love for the unseen must agree with love for the seen**

### Choices we must recognize:

**If we love God we will**



**love our brother**

**If we hate our brother**



**we will also hate God**

### Our commandment from God

**We are to love God**

**We are to love our brother also**

# Obedience is the Result of Love for God

## I John 5:1-3

spiritual birth produces love - verse 1  
spiritual birth gives us a desire to obey - verse 2  
spiritual birth will result in obedience to God -verse 3

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

### Spiritual birth produces love

spiritual birth is the result of true belief in Christ  
spiritual birth produces a love for Christ  
spiritual birth produces a love for other Christians

### Spiritual birth gives us a desire to obey God

Two things which show we love other Christians:

we love God  
we obey His commandments

### Spiritual birth will result in obedience to God

obedience to God is evidence of our love for God  
obedience to God is not a heavy burden for two reasons:

we have a new nature that desires to please God  
we are able to yield to the Holy Spirit who gives us power to do right

# **We are Overcomers**

## **I John 5:4-5**

overcomers have victory over the world - verse 4  
overcomers believe Jesus is the Son of God - verse 5

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

### **Overcomers have victory over the world**

**We are born of God**

**We have already overcome the world**

**We have overcome because Christ defeated death**

**We have victory because we have overcome**

**We have victory because of faith**

### **Overcomers believe that Jesus is the Son of God**

**God tells who has overcome the world**

**God says that only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God have overcome the world**

**Being overcomers makes it possible for us to:**

**overcome evil with good - Romans 12:21**

**have victory over Satan - I John 2:13-14**

**overcome false teachers - I John 4:4**

**overcome the world - I John 5:4**

**eat of the tree of life - Revelation 2:7**

**have no fear of the second death - Revelation 2:11**

**be clothed in white raiment - Revelation 3:5**

# **We have been given Witnesses**

## **I John 5:6-10**

witness is given by the Spirit - verse 6  
witness is given by the Trinity - verse 7  
witness is given on earth - verse 8  
witness by God is greater - verse 9  
witness of true belief is within us - verse 10

“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. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. <sup>8</sup>And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.”

### **Witness is given by the Spirit**

**He gives witness that Christ can give us moral cleansing  
(cleansing for power for Christian living)**  
**He gives witness that Christ has given us judicial cleansing  
(cleansing from the penalty for sin)**

### **Witness is given by the Trinity**

**The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One**

### **Witness is given on earth**

**The Spirit agrees with:  
the Word of God - water - John 15:3  
the sacrifice of Christ - blood - Hebrews 9:22**

### **Witness by God is greater**

### **Witness of true belief is within us**

**God gives us witness within ourselves when we believe**

# **We can be certain we have Eternal Life**

## **I John 5:11-13**

God has given us eternal life - verse 11

God has given us His Son - verse 12

God wants us to know we have eternal life - verse 13

“And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> 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.”

**God has given us eternal life**

**The testimony of the witnesses all agree**

**God has given us eternal life**

**God has given life in His Son**

**God has given us His Son**

**All those who have the Son have life**

**All those who do not have the Son do not have life**

**God wants us to know we have eternal life**

**This book is written to those who believe  
in the name of the Son of God**

**This book is written so we can know we have eternal life**

**This book is written so that we will continue to believe  
in the name of the Son of God**

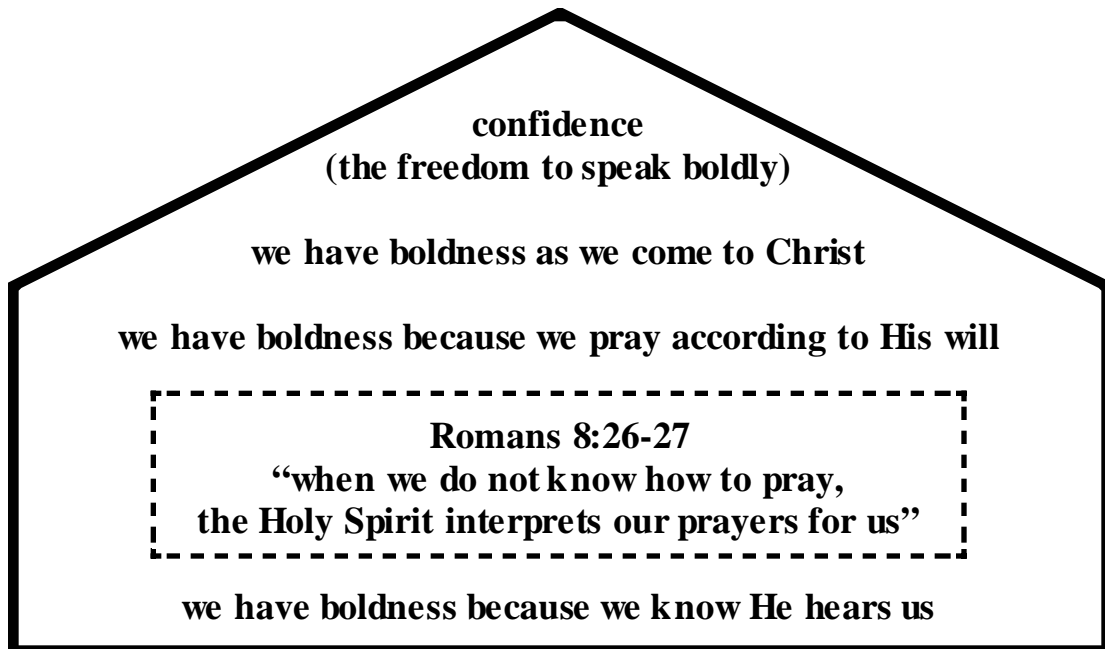
# **We can know that God answers prayer**

## **I John 5:14-15**

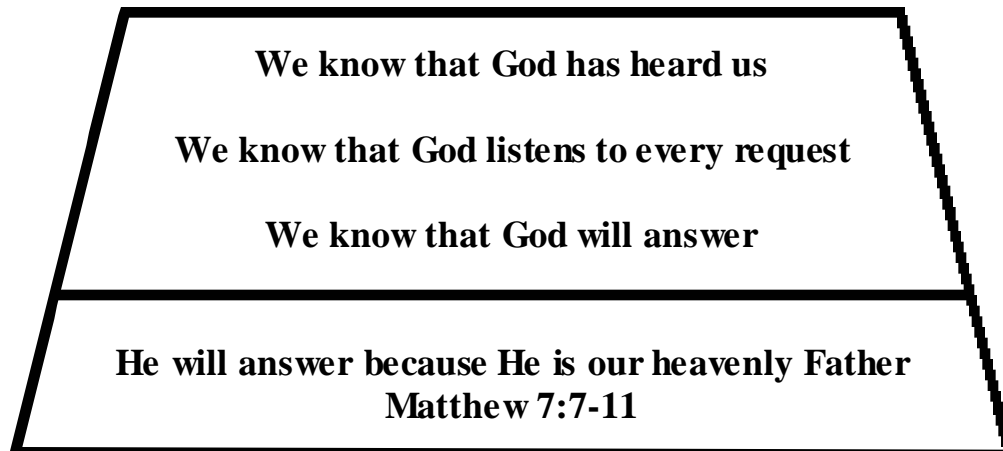
we can have confidence that God will hear our prayers - verse 14  
we can have confidence that God will answer our prayers - verse 15

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

**We can have confidence that God will hear our prayers**



**We have confidence that God will answer our prayers**



# **We are given a warning about sin**

## **I John 5:16-17**

sin can lead to physical death - verse 16  
sin does not always lead to physical death - verse 17

"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. <sup>17</sup>All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not *leading* to death."

### **Sin can lead to physical death**

**We will see other Christians committing sin**

**We are to pray for other Christians when they sin**

**We may see that Christian turn from His sin**

**We may see a sinning Christian die**

**We are not to ask if his death was due to sin**

### **Sin does not always lead to physical death**

**Sin is unrighteousness**

**Sin confessed will be forgiven - I John 1:9**

**Sin can lead to a Christian's death because God disciplines His children**  
**Hebrews 12:5-13**

**(5 stages of discipline to restore a person to a right relationship with God)**

**Sin will cause us to lose the joy of our salvation - Psalm 51:12**  
**Sin may begin to cause conflicts with other Christians - I Corinthians 3:1-3**  
**Sin may lead to mental and emotional upset - I Corinthians 11:30**  
**Sin may lead to physical sickness - I Corinthians 11:30**  
**Sin may lead to physical death - I Corinthians 11:30**  
**(when all else fails, this is the ultimate way to bring restoration)**

# **Christians do not want to practice sin**

## **I John 5:18-21**

we are no longer under the control of the wicked one - verse 18  
we were formerly under the control of the wicked one - verse 19  
we have been given a new understanding - verse 20  
we are to keep ourselves from idols - verse 21

“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. <sup>19</sup> We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

**We are no longer under the control of the wicked one**

**those born of God do not want to practice sin**  
**those born of God carefully watch the way they live**  
**those born of God cannot be touched by Satan**

**We were formerly under the control of the wicked one**

**we are now the children of God**  
**we are no longer under the control of Satan**

**We have been given a new understanding**

**God has given us a new way of viewing life**  
**God has given us a true view of life and of Christ**  
**God has placed us in Christ and His eternal life**

**We are to keep ourselves from idols**

# Knowing the Truth

## II John 1:1-3

the truth is known by all Christians - verse 1  
the truth dwells within all Christians - verse 2  
the truth comes to us from God in love - verse 3

“THE ELDER, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, <sup>2</sup>because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: <sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”

### The truth is known by all Christians

**This letter came from John, the Elder**

**This letter was written to the church and the people in the church**

**Truth was the foundation for love by John for the church**

**Truth is the foundation for love by all Christians for the church**

### The truth dwells within all Christians

**The truth abides in each Christian**

**The truth will be in us forever**

**Christ is the One who is the truth - John 14:6**

### The truth comes to us from God in love

**Grace, mercy and peace come to us from the Father**

**Grace, mercy and peace come to us from Christ**

**Grace, mercy and peace come in truth and in love**

# Walking in the Truth

## II John 1:4-6

Christians bring joy when they walk in the truth - verse 4  
Christians are urged obey the new commandment to love one another - verse 5  
Christians show love by walking in this commandment - verse 6

“I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. <sup>5</sup> And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. <sup>6</sup> This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.”

### Christians bring joy when they walk in the truth

**John was filled with great joy**  
**John saw some Christians walking in the truth**  
**John saw those Christians obeying the Father**

### Christians are urged to obey the new commandment to love one another

**Love was demonstrated by the request of John**  
**Love is not a new commandment**  
**Love is the commandment that Christ gave before the church began**

### Christians show love by walking in this commandment

**Love for God is shown by obedience**  
**Love is the commandment that God has given us**  
**Love for others involves a continuous walk**

# Recognizing Deceivers

## II John 1:7-9

deceivers deny the humanity of Christ - verse 7  
deceivers want us to lose our reward - verse 8  
deceivers deny the teaching about Christ - verse 9

“For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward. <sup>9</sup> Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.”

### Deceivers deny the humanity of Christ

**There are many deceivers present in the world**  
**These deceivers teach false teaching about Christ**  
**These deceivers may deny that Christ really came to earth**

### Deceivers want us to lose our reward

**We are to carefully examine what we believe and do**  
**We do not want to be led astray and lose our full reward**  
**We want to enjoy our full reward from Christ**

### Deceivers deny the teaching about Christ

**A deceiver turns aside from true teaching**  
**A deceiver does not continue in the teaching about Christ**  
**A deceiver does not have eternal life**

# Rejecting Deceivers

## II John 1:10-13

do not receive a deceiver into your fellowship - verse 10  
do not share in the evil deeds of a deceiver - verse 11  
do look forward to fellowship with other Christians - verses 12-13

“If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; <sup>11</sup> for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds. <sup>12</sup> Having many things to write to you, I did not wish *to do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. <sup>13</sup> The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.”

### **Do not receive a deceiver into your fellowship**

**deceivers will bring false teaching about Christ**

**deceivers will want to teach in our home or church**

**deceivers are not to be invited into our home to teach us**

**deceivers are not to be recommended to others**

### **Do not share in the evil deeds of a deceiver**

**If we recommend a deceiver to other Christians,  
we actually share in the evil work of the deceiver.**

### **Do look forward to fellowship with other Christians**

**Fellowship by writing is possible**

**Fellowship face to face is even better**

**Fellowship face to face results in great joy**

**Fellowship with other Christians includes greetings**

# Praying for Spiritual Sons

## III John 1:1-4

John had a great love for Gaius - verse 1  
John prayed for both physical and spiritual health - verse 2  
John rejoiced that Gaius was walking in the truth - verse 3  
John rejoiced to see his spiritual son walking in truth - verse 4

“THE ELDER, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth: <sup>2</sup> Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. <sup>3</sup> For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth. <sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”

**John had a great love for Gaius**

**Gaius was greatly loved by John**

**Gaius was loved with a true love**

**John prayed for both physical and spiritual health**

**this prayer was that Gaius would prosper in all things**

**this prayer was that Gaius would have good physical health**

**this prayer was that Gaius would have good spiritual health**

**John rejoiced that Gaius was walking in the truth**

**Christians said that Gaius was a man of truth**

**Christians said that Gaius walked in truth**

**John rejoiced to see his spiritual son walking in the truth**

**The greatest joy of a spiritual leader is to hear  
that his spiritual children are walking in truth.**

# Encouraging other Christians

## III John 1:5-8

- be faithful in your service to other Christians - verse 5
- be an example of love in your service to other Christians - verse 6
- be willing to sacrifice to serve other Christians - verse 7
- be a fellow worker with other Christians - verse 8

“Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, <sup>6</sup> who have borne witness of your love before the church. *If* you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, <sup>7</sup> because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup> We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.”

### Be faithful in your service to other Christians

**Gaius was faithful in what he did for other brothers**

**Gaius was also faithful in what he did for strangers**

### Be an example of love in your service to other Christians

**Strangers had told about the love that Gaius had shown**

**Strangers were also to be helped in their service for Christ**

### Be willing to sacrifice for other Christians

**These strangers had gone out to serve Christ**

**These strangers did not seek help from non-Christians**

### Be a fellow worker with other Christians

**We should show hospitality to Christians who are sacrificing for Christ**

**We will then become fellow workers in the spread of truth**

# **A Warning about Self Seeking Leaders**

## **III John 1:9-11**

A dictator wants to have power over others - verse 9  
A dictator speaks evil words against other leaders - verse 10  
A dictator is not to be imitated - verse 11

“I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting *them* out of the church. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.”

**A dictator wants to have power over others**

**Diotrephes was one of the leaders in the church**

**Diotrephes wanted to be the most important leader**

**Diotrephes did not accept other leaders**

**A dictator speaks evil words against other leaders**

**Diotrephes was doing evil because of his desire for power**

**Diotrephes was speaking evil words against other leaders**

**Diotrephes was rejecting other leaders and controlling others**

**Diotrephes was putting those who disagreed with him out of the church**

**A dictator is not to be imitated**

**the one that we imitate will show whom we follow**

**the one who does good is from God**

**the one who does evil has not seen God**

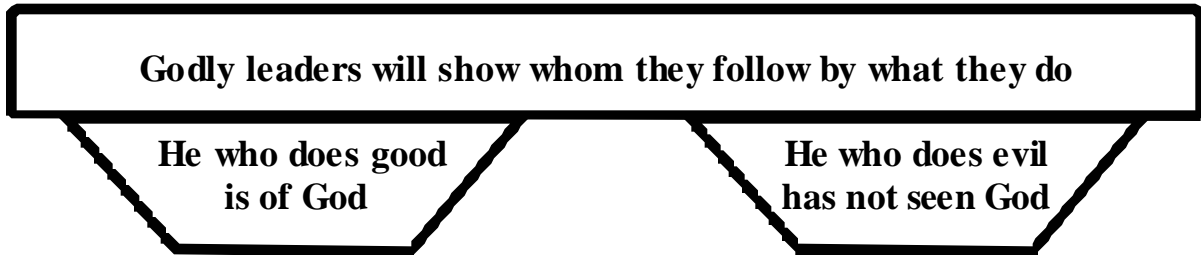
# **An Example of a Godly Leader**

## **III John 1:11-14**

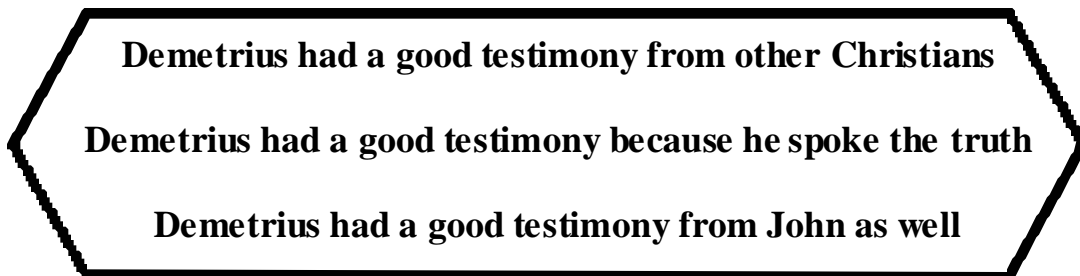
a godly leader does not imitate evil - verse 11  
a godly leader has a good testimony from others - verse 12  
a godly leader communicates with a spiritual son - verses 13-14

“Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God. <sup>12</sup> Demetrius has a *good* testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true. <sup>13</sup> I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; <sup>14</sup> but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.”

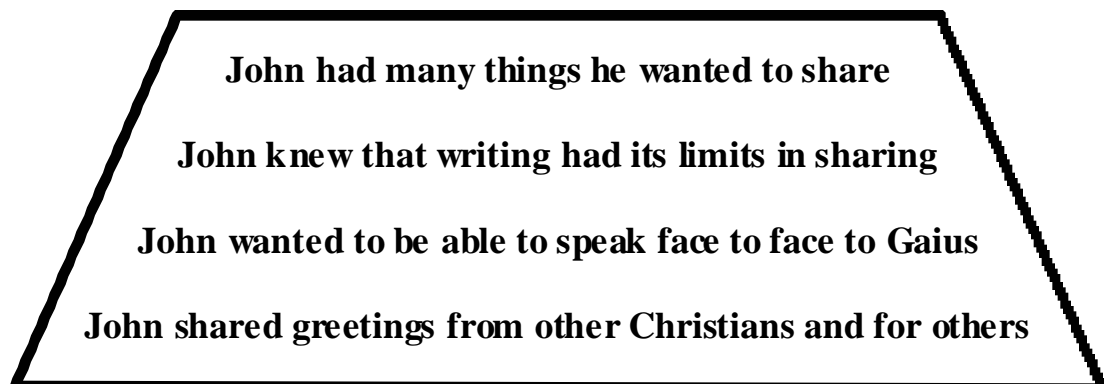
### **A godly leader does not imitate evil**



### **A godly leader has a good testimony from others**



### **A good leader communicates with his spiritual son**



# Recognizing our Relationship to Christ

## Jude 1:1-2

Jude told who he was - verse 1a  
Jude told to whom he was writing - verse 1b  
John told what he desired for Christians - verse 2

“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.”

### Jude told who he was

**Jude was actually a half-brother of Christ**  
**Matthew 13:55**

**Jude chose to see himself as a bondservant of Christ**

**Jude was a full brother of James, who wrote the book of James**

### Jude told to whom he was writing

**All Christians have been called**

**All Christians have been set apart to holiness by the Father**

**All Christians will be preserved throughout eternity because of Christ**

### Jude told what he desired for Christians

**Mercy was received when we placed our trust in Christ**  
**John 5:24; Romans 8:1**

**Peace can be our present experience as we yield to the Spirit**  
**John 14:27; Philippians 4:4-9**

**Love will be multiplied as we take root in the love of Christ**

# **Contending for the Faith**

## **Jude 1:3-4**

we are to contend earnestly for the faith - verse 3  
we are to recognize that false teachers can get into the church - verse 4

“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup> 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.”

### **We are to contend earnestly for the faith**

**to contend earnestly**  
**(to give an all out effort to win such as one does in the Olympics)**

**Jude had been very careful to write about the salvation we have in Christ**

**Jude now encourages an all out effort to stand for the faith**  
**the focus is on standing for the faith**  
**the focus is due to the fact that the faith is unchangeable**

**Jude says this is the unchangeable faith that has been given to the saints**

### **We are to recognize that false teachers can get into the church**

**these false teachers come in secretly without warning**  
**these false teachers have been facing judgment for a long time**  
**these false teachers are ungodly**  
**these false teachers are satisfying their own evil lusts**  
**these false teachers deny the Father**  
**these false teachers deny Christ**

# Historic examples of Unbelief

## Jude 1:5-7

unbelief was shown by Israel in the wilderness - verse 5

unbelief was shown by the fallen angels - verse 6

unbelief was shown by Sodom and Gomorrah - verse 7

“But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

### Unbelief was shown by Israel in the wilderness

**Jude points out the need that we have to be reminded**

**Jude points out the fact that we forget what we already know**

**Jude gives us a warning from the failure of Israel**

### Unbelief was shown by the fallen angels

**the fallen angels did not continue to follow God**

**the fallen angels left God to follow Satan**

**the fallen angels will experience everlasting judgment**

### Unbelief was shown by Sodom and Gomorrah

**the people of these cities also rebelled against God**

**the people of these cities turned to all forms of sexual impurity**

**the people of these cities experienced judgment from God**

# **False teachers will be judged by God**

## **Jude 1:8-11**

false teachers have certain characteristics - verse 8  
false teachers will be rebuked by the Lord - verse 9  
false teachers corrupt themselves - verse 10  
false teachers bring judgment on themselves - verse 11

“Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. <sup>9</sup> Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" <sup>10</sup> But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. <sup>11</sup> Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.”

### **False teachers have certain characteristics**

**they defile the flesh by their immorality**  
**they refuse to submit to authority**  
**they blaspheme the things of God**

### **False teachers will be rebuked by the Lord**

**Satan was not rebuked by an angel**  
**Satan was rebuked by the Lord, Himself**

### **False teachers corrupt themselves**

**they speak evil of things about which they have no knowledge**  
**they corrupt the things about which they do have knowledge**

### **False teachers bring judgment on themselves**

**they have gone the way of Cain - their own religion**  
**they have followed the example of Balaam - they seek money**  
**they will be judged like Korah - he went to eternal judgment**

# **False teachers have judgment to face**

## **Jude 1:12-15**

false teachers are spiritually empty - verse 12  
false teachers will experience eternal judgment - verse 13  
false teachers will one day be judged by the Lord - verses 14-15

“These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; <sup>13</sup> raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. <sup>14</sup> Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, <sup>15</sup> "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

### **False teachers are spiritually empty**

**they lead people astray morally (spots in your love feasts)**  
**they only serve themselves (they boldly satisfy themselves)**  
**they lack the Holy Spirit (clouds without water)**  
**they follow this opinion and then another (carried by winds)**  
**they are unfruitful and worthless**  
**they are both physically and spiritually dead**  
**they will be judged by God**

### **False teachers will experience eternal judgment**

**they are tossed to and fro by their anger and evil passions**  
**they spread their own shame**  
**their lives are out of control (wandering stars)**  
**they will experience eternal judgment**

### **False teachers will one day be judged by the Lord**

**The Lord will one day come with His saints**  
**The Lord will judge all of the ungodly for their ungodly deeds**  
**The Lord will judge them for the way they committed those deeds**  
**The Lord will also judge for what they have spoken against Him**

# **False teachers try to satisfy themselves**

## **Jude 1:16-19**

false teachers follow their own lusts - verse 16

false teachers were predicted by the apostles - verses 17-18a

false teachers have certain characteristics - verses 18b-19

“These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage. <sup>17</sup> But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>18</sup> how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. <sup>19</sup> These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.”

### **False teachers follow their own lusts**

**they are grumblers (one who complains against God)**  
**they are complainers (one who is discontented)**  
**they walk according to their own evil desires**  
**they boast and make great claims about themselves**  
**they flatter people so that they can take advantage**

### **False teachers were predicted by the apostles**

**we are the beloved**  
**we are to remember the teachings of the apostles**  
**we realize they warned of false teachers**

### **False teachers have certain characteristics**

**they are mockers (those who make fun of God)**  
**they walk according to their own evil desires**  
**they cause divisions between people**  
**they follow the desires of the flesh**  
**they lack the Holy Spirit**

# Building our Relationships

## Jude 1:20-23

we are to build ourselves up in faith - verse 20  
we are to keep ourselves in the love of Christ - verse 21  
we are to show compassion to those seeking Christ - verse 22  
we are to warn of judgment to those who think they are good - verse 23

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And on some have compassion, making a distinction; <sup>23</sup> but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”

### We are to build ourselves up in faith

we are to be continuing to build up our faith  
we are to seek the will of the Spirit as we pray

### We are to keep ourselves in the love of Christ

we are to carefully protect our understanding of the love of Christ  
we are to accept the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

### We are to show compassion to those seeking Christ

we are to reach some for Christ by showing compassion  
we need to learn how to recognize those needing compassion

### We are to warn of judgment to those who think that they are good

some will only be reached by stirring up their fear  
some need to have the focus of eternal judgment  
some need to be shown the seriousness of their sin

# **We are to give glory to Christ**

## **Jude 1:24-25**

Christ will present us to the Father - verse 24  
Christ is the One who deserves all glory - verse 25

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup> To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.”

### **Christ will present us to the Father**

**Christ is the One who is able to watch over us**

**Christ is able to keep us from stumbling**  
**(we are able to stand firm in the strength that Christ provides)**

**Christ will cause us to stand without fault before God**

**Christ will cause us to experience the presence of His glory**

**Christ will cause us to have great joy**

### **Christ is the One who deserves all glory**

**He is the One who is our Savior**

**He is the One who has true wisdom**

**He is the One who deserves all glory**

**He is the One who has the majesty of God**

**He is the One who has all strength**

**He is the One who has power to make all decisions**

**He will do this both now and for all eternity**