

Study Objectives



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The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

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Songs – Discussion Points: Intimacy of Eternal Purpose; Eternal Obedience Hypothesis

- 1 JN 3.4-10 Quad Relationships Colossians**

4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawless-ness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he can-not sin because he is born of God. 10 By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

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Study Method



- Methodical Bible Study: Basic & Advanced Step
- Kipling in Experience
- Epistolary Method: Experience of Resident Life
- Know by the Knowing Experience

Blood of Christ



- Incarnate God; Birth God/Man; New Creation
- Reality of the Blood; Human; Man
- Curse/LIFE
- Blood of Old/Blood of New
- Cry of the Heart "Abba Father"; Peace with God
- Experience of LIFE

Fellowship of LIFE



- Have LIFE
- Testimony of the Father
- Having Believed Evidence of Faith
- Promise of the Spirit

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- Definitions
- Synonyms
- Apostolic/Scriptural Unfolding – NT Epistles Interpretive Lens
- Exhortational Foundation

*I never asked you to live the Christian life,
I came to share MY LIFE with you.*

A stained glass window depicting Christ the King. Christ is shown in profile, wearing a red mantle over a grey tunic, with a halo of red, yellow, and white. He is pointing his right hand towards the left. To his left, a man in a blue and green robe stands. To his right, a man in a grey tunic and hat sits in a boat. The background features a stone wall and a landscape with trees and water. The text "Christ the King" is overlaid in white on a dark orange banner at the bottom.

Christ the King

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**The Christ-Hymn of John 1—
From Response to Prologue
[draft]¹**

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There are few more momentous and history-impacting texts in world literature than John 1:1-18. It served as an engaging introduction to John's story of Jesus, which became the most widely embraced text in the history of early Christianity; it contributed to the most intense of theological controversies—and their resolutions—in the first four Ecumenical Councils (325-451 CE); it became a favorite text throughout church history of heretics and orthodox alike; it became a theologized basis for the excluding the Johannine witness from the first three historical quests for Jesus in the modern era; it has posed a basis for a number of diachronic theories of Johannine composition; and it has offered a literary basis for synchronic interpreters to see the Johannine Gospel as a literary whole—it's literary features announced and prefigured by the Johannine Prologue.

However, does the Johannine Prologue advocate the divinity or Jesus, or the humanity of Christ, or both? Were these verses the first stroke of the evangelist's quill, or do we have here a later confessional

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Even though Jesus was God's Son, He learned obedience from the things He suffered.
Hebrews 5:8

Two perspectives on Eternal Obedience within traditional Trinitarianism

In conclusion, I will briefly outline some potential reasons to avoid the eternal obedience position and the benefits of maintaining the classical position that obedience is rendered by the Son through his human nature alone.

THE ONE WHO IS SENT AND CAN DO NOTHING ON HIS OWN:
MUST THE SON OF GOD BE ETERNALLY OBEDIENT?

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Christian theologians have long held that the incarnation and life of Jesus Christ reveal something of the eternal relationships existing within the Godhead between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. However, in recent years, many theologians have specifically identified the obedience demonstrated by Jesus Christ as a key factor in understanding these relationships. Karl Barth, the fountainhead of this idea, argued that the humility and obedience of Christ point to a prior capacity for humility and obedience within the Godhead.¹ As Scott Swain and Michael Allen have noted, this increasingly common trend to understand the obedience of Jesus Christ as indicative of the Son's eternal mode of subsistence within the Godhead is usually accompanied by significant revisions to traditional Trinitarian metaphysics.² However, many theologians, including Swain and Allen, believe that such metaphysical revisions are unnecessary, and that it is possible to hold to a form of the eternal obedience of the Son while affirming the Church's historic Trinitarian teaching.

The purpose of this essay is to examine the rationale for this turn to the eternal obedience hypothesis, specifically as it has been presented by theologians eager to operate within the Church's historic Trinitarian and Christological.³ Swain and Allen's strategy to avoid revising traditional Trinitarian metaphysics while holding to a kind of eternal obedience is to

¹ See Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics IV/1: The Doctrine of Reconciliation*, ed. G.W. Bromiley and T.F. Torrance, trans. G.T. Thomson and Harold Knight (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1956), 192–210.

² Michael Allen and Scott Swain, "The Obedience of the Eternal Son," *ISST* 15.2 (2013): 115.

³ I do not deal, for instance, with kenotic Christologies, even those which purport to operate within the boundaries set by the ecumenical creeds, because even such kenotic theories are explicitly based on redefinition or re-imagining of the meaning of the creeds and classical theological formulation in order to allow space for kenotic theories. See C. Stephen Evans, ed., *Exploring Kenotic Christology: The Self-Emptying of God* (Vancouver, BC: Regent College Publishing, 2010).

Discussion Points: Intimacy of Eternal Purpose

Not Admiring His work from afar (from without)
but Participation as one with-in (hosting w Participation)

Ref Genesis: *Walking in the Garden*

Song: *I come to the Garden Alone*



THE SPIRIT OF GOD

1 JOHN 4:2

The Holy Spirit Indwells Us
Romans 8:9

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 touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—**2** the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—**3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; **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 his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2** and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

3 And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **4** He who says “I know him” but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; **5** but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: **6** he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. **8** Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. **9** He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. **10** He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. **11** But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. **13** I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. **14** I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. **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 it might be plain that they all are not of us.

20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. **21** I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. **22** Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. **24** Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. **25** And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

26 I write this to you about those who would deceive you; **27** but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one born of God commits sin; for God’s nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. **10** By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. **12** and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous. **13** Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. **15** Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. **16** By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **17** But if any one has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? **18** Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him **20** whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; **22** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, **3** and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already.

4 Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. **5** They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. **9** In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. **15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16** So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. **19** We love, because he first loved us. **20** If any one says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

5:1 Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. **7** And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. **8** There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. **9** If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. **10** He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. **11** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life.

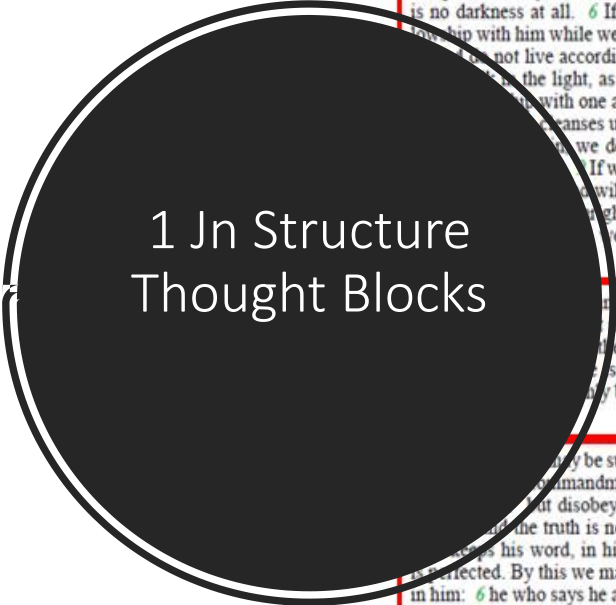
13 I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. **16** If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that. **17** All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.

18 We know that any one born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to 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.

1 John RSV



1 Jn Structure
Thought Blocks

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5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we do not live according to the truth; 7 but who is the light, as he is in the light, we fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we love him, but do not love his commandments, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; 9 if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we do not sin, we make him a liar, and our testimony is false.

11 Writing this to you so that you may know that if any one does sin, we have mercy on him and his sin shall be forgiven because of the expiation for our sins which he offered, but also for the sins of the world. 12 He who sins deliberately shall not see God. 13 If you have loved one another, you may be sure that we know him, and you shall abide in his commandments. 14 He who says he loves him, but does not obey his commandments, he is a liar; he who obeys his commandments, his love is true, and he shall see God and abide in his love. 15 If you love those who do not love the truth, you are a partaker of their works. 16 If you see a brother who has gone astray, and you do not help him to turn from his error, you are a partaker of his sins. 17 If you have loved one another, you shall not be afraid of the accuser of the world; but if you do not love him, you shall be afraid of him, and shall tell lies to him. 18 If you love the truth, you shall be glad. 19 The Spirit whom we have received from the Father and the Son, he testifies that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. 20 If you do not receive the testimony which we have given, you do not receive the Father and the Son who have sent Jesus Christ. 21 If you receive the testimony which we have given, you shall have the Father and the Son who have sent Jesus Christ. 22 If you do not receive the testimony which we have given, you do not receive the Father and the Son who have sent Jesus Christ. 23 If you do not receive the testimony which we have given, you do not receive the Father and the Son who have sent Jesus Christ. 24 If you do not receive the testimony which we have given, you do not receive the Father and the Son who have sent Jesus Christ. 25 If you do not receive the testimony which we have given, you do not receive the Father and the Son who have sent Jesus Christ.

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5:1 Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. 7 And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. 8 There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has no life.

13 I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence which 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 in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. 16 If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.

18 We know that any one born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to 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.

Column 1

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 touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2 the life was made manifest and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

**ETERNAL LIFE
Life made manifest
Fellowship 'a joint-participation'**

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; 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 his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**God is Light
Fellowship w Light
Blood of Christ
Truth is in us**

2:1 My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Not SIN
Advocate for Faith/Belief**

3 And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: 6 he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

**Love for God PERFECTED
I KEEP I ABIDE I WALK**

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**Love: living – active His LIFE
Lack of Life - stumbling**

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Column 2

**Forgiven Overcome
Abides & Known**

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

**We love Father not world
Abide forever**

18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. 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 it might be plain that they all are not of us.

**Children know those not of us
went out made plain by Father
Amen Sister!**

20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

**Anointed, Know
Truth, Abides**

26 I write this to you about those who would deceive you; 27 but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

**Totally confident born of
him**

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

Column 3

**Loving Father births
children; appearing
like Him; hope is pure**

3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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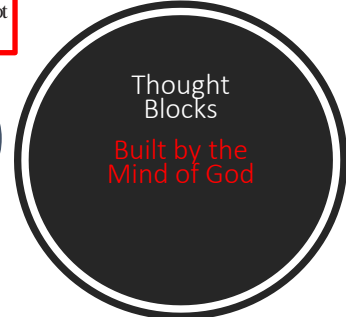
**God's Nature is abiding
not the Devils**

1 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

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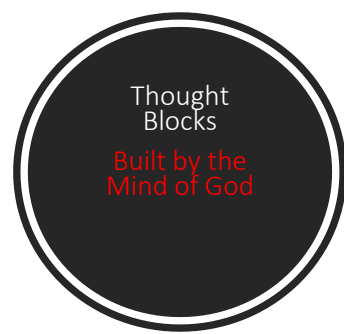
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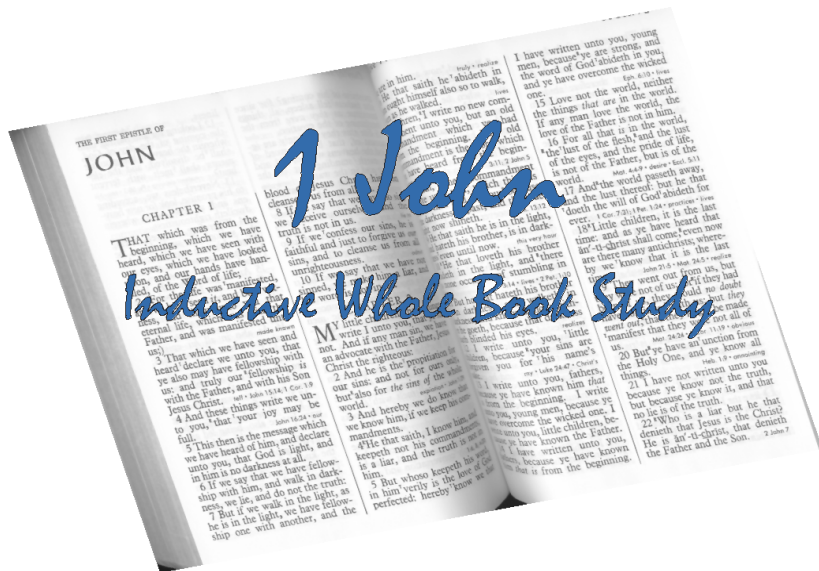


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The Same Or Similar Truth From A Different Perspective





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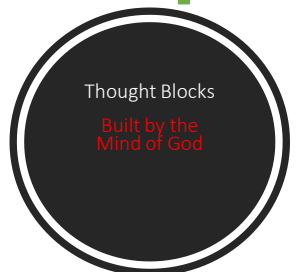
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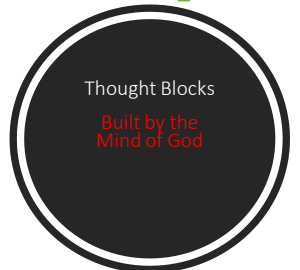
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Key Words can help focus our mind on possible 'Insights'

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... go before us, have your hand upon us, ...
... er us. Be in us and through us going forward
... meet and know thee as our life, our all in all. I step
... out in full faith to know thee as my very life, experi-
... encing you living in me and through me. Not me
... with all thy grace taking your life and going forward
... even with you at my side but one with thee and you
... going forward knowing you living literally in and
... through me. You are life to me! Thank you Lord for
... thy fellowship.

Dear Lord abundantly bless the works of my hands,
... the works of our hands bless thou it. Lord give us
... wither to much, lest we forget thee or too little, le

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The Resident LIFE of God in me is described by John in manifest recognizable 'character' terms.

God, 'HIS NATURE' came to 'stay' with-in me.

The Son of God's Incarnation totally changed the good/evil power dynamic of the created order.

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Suggestion Help Perspective

Lessons Learned or Pointed to by the Holy Spirit about personal approach to study and things to change or modify.

Note what these might be and Insights/Prayers to engage.

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How has the Holy Spirit 'staged 1 JN' for the 'experiential prayers' of His Children?

What does it mean to do right? Help with understanding/comprehension? Reveal to me the greatness of your Nature the keeps me from sin/lawlessness.

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Eph 4 Prayer. Full exhaustive experiential 'knowing'

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*Petition – Praise – Worship – Thanksgiving –
Intercession – Healing - Contemplative*

*So Great High Priest = Mediator, Unto Maturity in the
Fellowship of His Person/LIFE*

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1 I always thank God, the Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel which has come to you, and indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; 16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were estranged and hostile to him, doing evil deeds, by his own blood he has purified our hearts from all unrighteousness. 22 He has reconciled us to himself by his own blood, presenting to himself a holy and blameless and without blemish people, 23 who do not have a debt of sin, but who are obedient and devoted from the heart, as you have learned before. 24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the church, 25 of which I became a minister, to make known to her the mystery hidden from ages and centuries, but now made manifest to his saints. 26 To them God chose to make known how among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ. 29 To this I toil, striving with all the energy which mightily inspires within me.

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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 touched, concerning the life which was made manifest, and we have seen, and testify to it, and proclaim to you, that the life which was with the Father and made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **2** And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

3 This is the message which we have heard from him and proclaimed to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. **4** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth, but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **5** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **6** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **7** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

8 My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **9** And he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

10 And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **11** He who says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; **12** but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: **13** he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

14 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which you have heard. **15** Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and true, and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. **16** He who says he is in the light but hates his brother is in the darkness still. **17** He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. **18** But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

19 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. **20** I am not writing to you because you do not know him, but because you know him who is true, and who has overcome the evil one, because he who is true came into the world. **21** Do not let anyone deceive you, because you have heard that the antichrist is coming, and now antichrists have come; therefore we know it is the last hour. **22** 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 went out, that it might be plain that they are not of us.

23 But you have been anointed by the One, and you all know. **24** I write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. **25** Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, who denies the Father and the Son. **26** No one who denies the Son has the Father; he who confesses the Son has the Father also. **27** Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you; if you heard from the beginning abide in him, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father who sent him. **28** And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

29 By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him. **30** Whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **31** Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; **32** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. **33** And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of the Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **34** All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he gives us.

35 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of God, and God abides in him.

36 In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. **37** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. **38** We love, because he first loved us. **39** If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **40** And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

41 Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. **42** By this we know that we love the children: **43** God, when we love God and obey his commandments, abides in him, and the Father is with him, and he who does not obey his commandments is not born of God, and now it is in the world but he who believes that

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