

JESUS PRAYED

Mt 14:23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, RSV

Lu 6:12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God. RSV

Heb 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. RSV



Study Objectives



- Open
- [Web Site Materials](#)
 - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Welcome Open Prayer Songs – Discernment/Maturity Fri 6:30 PM CST Oct 4, 2024
- Discussion: God's Thought Blocks Podcast
- Session Schedule: Next Session Date 9/25/24
- 1 JN 4.13-16 : Insights 3 Complete

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The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

TBS 1 John
Thought Block Bible Study

Sabbath Rest



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.

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LIFE



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

Blood of Christ

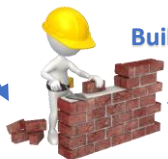


- Incarnate God; Birth God/Man; New Creation
- Reality of the Blood; Human; Man
- Curse/LIFE
- Blood of Old/Blood of New
- Cry of the Heart "Abba Father"; Peace with God
- Experience of LIFE

Study Method



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



- 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.*

Thank You Jesus (Acoustic) - Josh Baldwin





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Discussion: God's Thought Blocks Podcast



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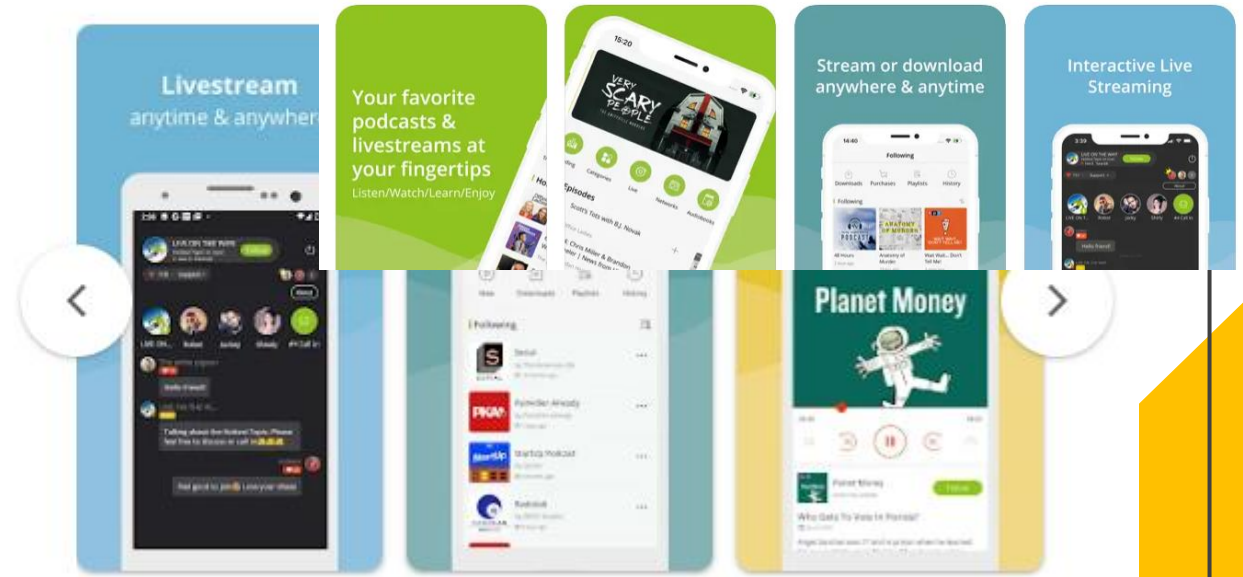
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How Does God
COMMUNICATE
With Us?

Building  Blocks

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.

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.



4:13-16

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Abiding in God's Love: Experiencing the Life of Christ Within.

Session 222 discusses a Bible study on 1 John 4:13-16, focusing on the concept of confessing Jesus as the Son of God and its implications for Christian faith and life. Key topics include the centrality of Jesus Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God's love, and the believer's assurance of salvation. The study emphasizes the importance of experiential knowledge of God's love and the transformative power of this love in believers' lives. It encourages participants to move beyond intellectual understanding to a deep, personal experience of God's love and presence. The discussion highlights the concept of "abiding" in God and the mutual indwelling relationship between God and believers. Exhortations include cultivating a deeper understanding of one's identity in Christ, actively expressing God's love to others, and growing in spiritual maturity. The study also touches on the themes of overcoming the world, discerning false spirits, and the importance of confession as a test of authentic faith. Participants are encouraged to pray for a heightened awareness of God's presence, to seek opportunities to express God's love, and to embrace the transformative power of God's love in their lives.



These points capture the main themes, topics, concepts, directives, exhortations, and encouragements presented in the SR 222 transcript.



This structured approach to the session's content provides a comprehensive overview of the theological insights and practical applications discussed, aimed at deepening our faith and understanding.

SR 222 Discourse Key Themes

Main Themes:

- God's Love and Fellowship:** The primary theme is the transformative love of God, which believers are called to experience, abide in, and manifest. The passage emphasizes how love originates from God, who abides in those who abide in Him, reflecting the unity between God and believers.
- Assurance of Salvation and Identity in Christ:** Another central theme is the assurance believers have through the Holy Spirit. This assurance reinforces their identity as children of God and strengthens their faith.
- Confession of Faith:** Confessing that Jesus is the Son of God is presented as a foundational truth for believers, central to their faith and spiritual life. This confession establishes a deep connection with God and confirms the believer's relationship with Him.

Main Topics:

- The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:** The document stresses that the Holy Spirit is essential for the believer's identity, spiritual growth, and ongoing transformation. His presence assures believers of eternal life and a continuous relationship with God.
- Experiential Knowledge vs. Intellectual Understanding:** The discussion contrasts knowing about God intellectually with knowing Him experientially. Experiencing God in a personal, tangible way leads to spiritual maturity and deeper faith.
- Abiding in God:** Abiding in God's love is presented as both a privilege and a responsibility for believers. This abiding manifests through a continuous relationship, grounded in love and faith in Christ.

Key Concepts:

- Transformation:** Believers are called to participate in the transformative power of God's love, being changed from "glory to glory" as they grow spiritually.
- Witness and Testimony:** Believers are encouraged to testify to God's love and the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. This testimony serves as a living witness of their faith.
- Fellowship:** The document emphasizes the communal aspect of faith, with believers participating in God's love together, reflecting His character in their interactions with others.

Directives:

- Cultivate Understanding and Grow in Maturity:** Believers are directed to actively cultivate a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ and pursue continuous spiritual growth.
- Express God's Love:** The transcript encourages believers to express God's love to others, manifesting His wisdom and character in their daily lives.
- Pray for Transformation and Insight:** The importance of prayer as a tool for deepening one's relationship with God is highlighted, with a focus on praying for ongoing transformation, assurance of faith, and a clearer understanding of one's identity in Christ.

Exhortations:

- Hold Fast to the First Confidence:** Believers are urged to maintain their faith and trust in God's love and promises, holding fast to their initial experience of God's saving grace.
- Live Confidently as God's Children:** The transcript calls on believers to live with confidence in their salvation, assured of their identity in Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- Overcome the World through Faith:** Believers are exhorted to remain steadfast in their faith, recognizing that their confession of Jesus as the Son of God empowers them to overcome the world.

Encouragements:

- Joy in Fellowship:** The joy of fellowship with other believers is celebrated, encouraging participants to rejoice in their shared experience of God's love and the unity it brings.
- Confidence in God's Presence:** The document reassures believers that God's presence in their lives is constant through the Holy Spirit, offering them confidence and peace.
- Assurance of Eternal Life:** Believers are encouraged to rest in the assurance of eternal life, not merely as a future promise, but as a present reality made possible through the indwelling Spirit.

In summary, the document highlights the importance of actively living out one's faith, growing in spiritual maturity, and expressing God's love and wisdom in daily life. It calls for believers to embrace their identity in Christ and rely on the Holy Spirit for assurance, transformation, and guidance.

Prayer: Our Bible study session SR 222

Here are several prayer topics and themes derived from the transcript, along with corresponding prayer points and suggested prayers for each area. These themes help guide believers in deepening their relationship with God and experiencing His transformative love.

This structured approach to the session's content provides a comprehensive overview of the theological insights and practical applications discussed, aimed at deepening our faith and understanding.

1. Gratitude for God's Love and Fellowship

- **Key Theme:** God's love is transformative, and believers are encouraged to express gratitude for the privilege of experiencing and sharing in His love and fellowship.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Thank God for His steadfast love and the opportunity to experience fellowship with Him and other believers.
 - Pray for hearts filled with gratitude that reflect God's love in every aspect of life.
 - Ask God to make His love known more deeply to each participant.

Suggested Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your unfailing love and the fellowship we share with You and one another. We are grateful for the way Your love transforms us daily and gives us the assurance of Your presence. Help us to continually express this gratitude in all that we do, so that we may reflect Your love to the world around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

2. Assurance of Eternal Life

- **Key Theme:** Eternal life is not just a future promise but a present reality experienced through the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for a deeper understanding and assurance of eternal life, knowing that it is already at work in the believer.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen confidence in this assurance, enabling participants to live boldly as children of God.
 - Thank God for the gift of eternal life and the constant presence of His Spirit.

Suggested Prayer:

Lord, we thank You for the gift of eternal life that You have given us through Your Son and the Holy Spirit. Help us to understand this truth more fully and to live confidently, knowing that we are Your children, secure in Your love. Strengthen our assurance through the Holy Spirit, that we may walk boldly in faith and proclaim Your love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

3. Identity in Christ

- **Key Theme:** Embracing and understanding one's identity in Christ is essential for spiritual growth and maturity.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for a deeper revelation of personal identity in Christ and the ability to live in alignment with that identity.
 - Ask God for strength to fully embrace who we are in Christ and manifest His wisdom and character in every aspect of life.
 - Thank God for the transformation He brings as we grow in the knowledge of our identity in Him.

Suggested Prayer:

Father, reveal to us the fullness of who we are in Christ. Help us to embrace this truth wholeheartedly and to live in a way that reflects Your wisdom, character, and love in everything we do. Transform us daily so that we may grow into the fullness of the identity You have given us as Your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

4. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- **Key Theme:** The Holy Spirit dwells in believers, providing assurance of salvation and guiding them into all truth.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for an increased awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence within each participant.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to guide participants into deeper truth and help them live in alignment with God's will.
 - Thank God for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in transforming believers into the image of Christ.

Suggested Prayer:

Spirit of the Living God, we ask for a heightened awareness of Your presence within us. Guide us into all truth and transform us daily so that our lives may reflect Your glory and bring honor to Your name. Strengthen us through Your indwelling power and help us to rely on You for every step of our journey. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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5. Experiencing God's Love

- **Key Theme:** Moving from intellectual understanding to experiential knowledge of God's love is essential for deepening faith.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for the ability to experience God's love in a tangible and personal way.
 - Ask God to reveal Himself to participants in profound ways that deepen their relationship with Him.
 - Pray that God's love will not only be known but also felt and lived out through the Holy Spirit.

Suggested Prayer:

Lord, we long to know You more intimately. Help us move beyond mere knowledge of Your love to a deep, experiential understanding of it. Reveal Yourself to us in new and personal ways, and may we grow closer to You each day as we experience Your love in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

6. Witness and Testimony of God's Love

- **Key Theme:** Believers are called to testify to God's love and grace, being witnesses of His transformative work in their lives.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for opportunities to witness and testify to the love and grace of God in everyday life.
 - Ask for courage and wisdom to be effective witnesses, sharing the love of Christ with others.
 - Thank God for the privilege of being vessels of His love and sharing His truth with the world.

Suggested Prayer:

Father, open our eyes to the opportunities around us to share Your love and testify to Your goodness. Give us the courage to be effective witnesses in both word and deed, showing the world the transformative power of Your love. Help us to speak boldly and live in a way that draws others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

7. Transformation and Growth in Spiritual Maturity

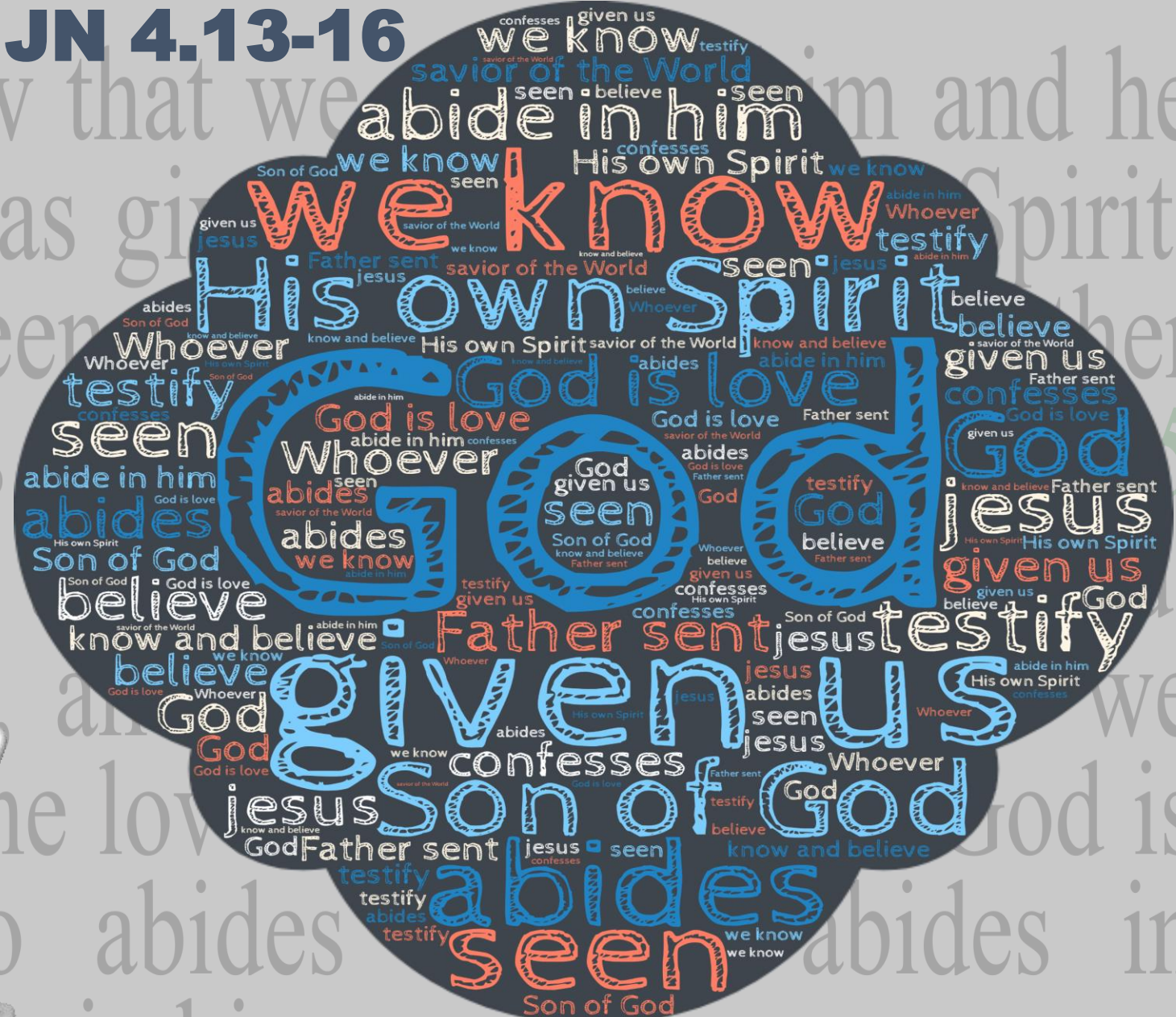
- **Key Theme:** Continuous transformation and growth in spiritual maturity are essential for deepening one's faith and relationship with God.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for ongoing transformation through the work of the Holy Spirit, leading to spiritual maturity.
 - Ask God to help believers cultivate a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ and to manifest God's character in all aspects of life.
 - Pray for strength to grow in faith and wisdom, continually reflecting God's love and character.

Suggested Prayer:

Lord, we ask for Your transformative power to work within us continuously. Help us to grow in spiritual maturity and to understand more fully who we are in Christ. May our lives reflect Your character and love in everything we do, as we seek to grow closer to You each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

These prayer topics provide a structured way to seek God's guidance, deepen faith, and experience His love more fully in daily life. Each prayer invites participants to engage with God personally and rely on the Holy Spirit for transformation, growth, and assurance in their walk with Christ.

1 JN 4.13-16



2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.(KJV)



God inspired, in and through His Human Author, to the Understanding of the Believer



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⁵ This is the message which 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.

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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.

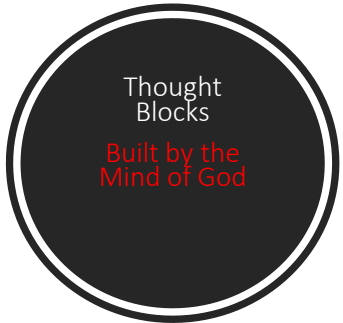
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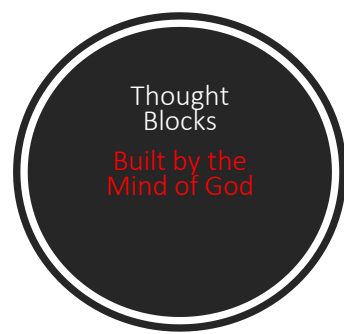
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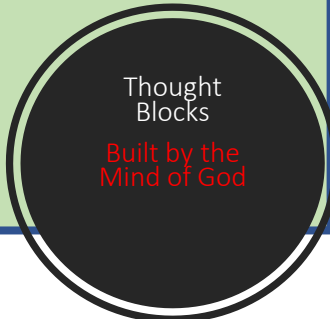


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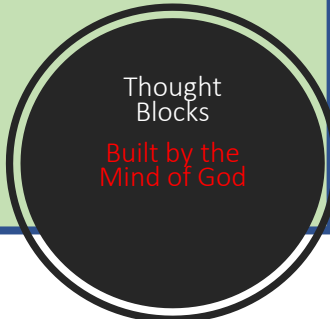
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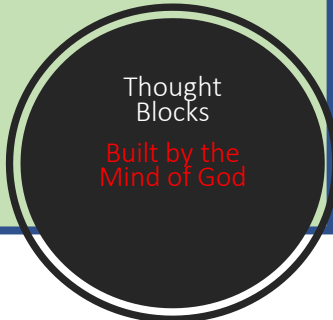
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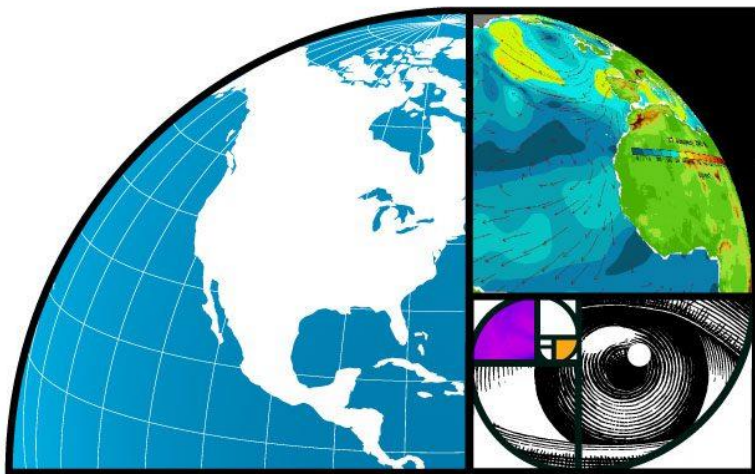
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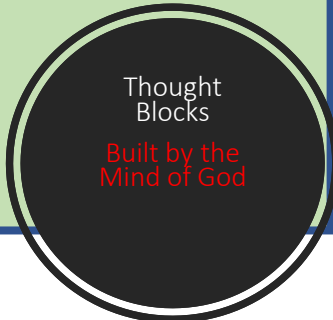
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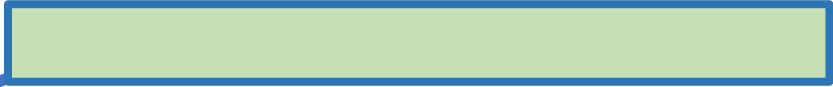
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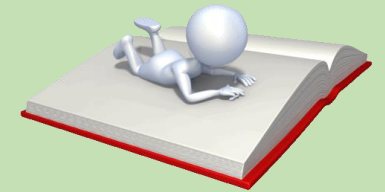
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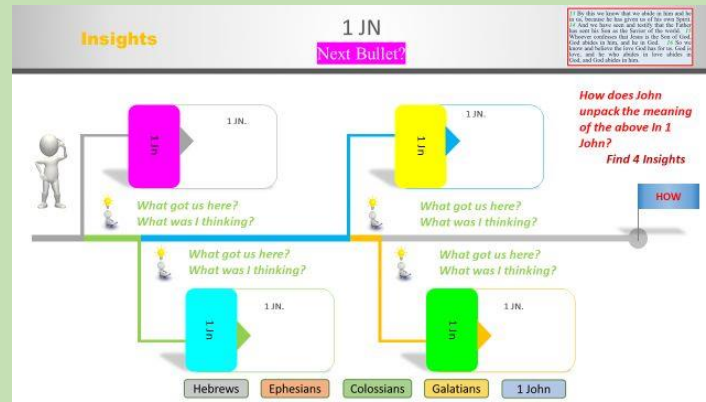
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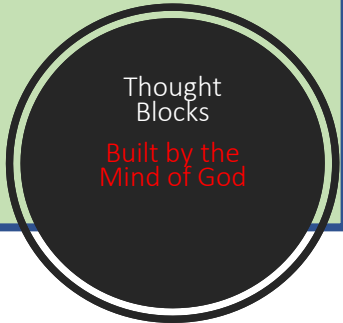
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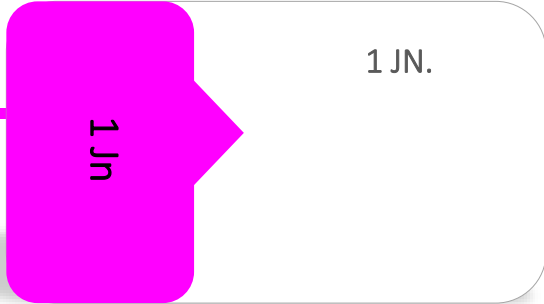
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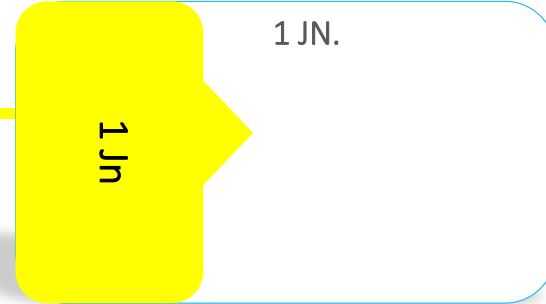
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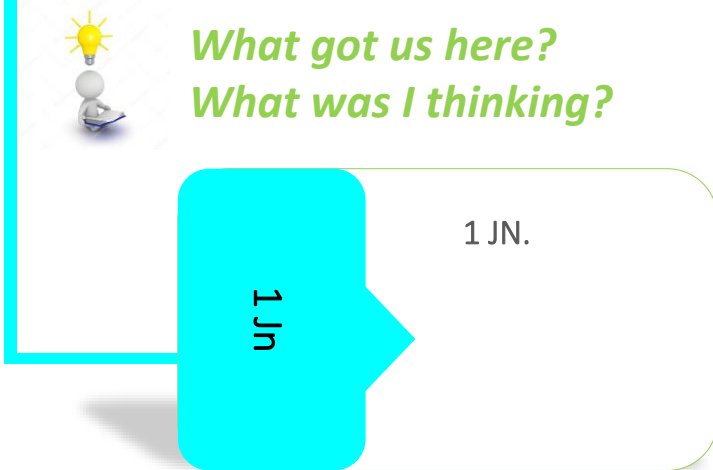
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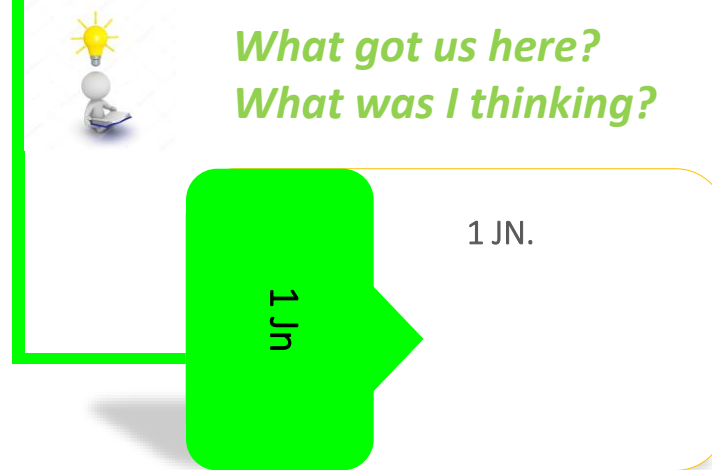
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From Bullets to Insights

1 JN 4.13-16

Please describe how the four bullet points relate to the main topic of the paragraph.

"By this we know that we abide": This point emphasizes the assurance believers have in their relationship with God. It reflects the theme of mutual abiding, as stated in 1 John 4:13, which mentions that believers know they abide in God because He has given them His Spirit.

"And we have seen and testify": This supports the theme by highlighting the role of witness and testimony in the believer's life. In 1 John 4:14, the passage states that believers testify that the Father sent His Son as the Savior of the world. This testimony is a crucial part of the believer's connection to God and reinforces their abiding relationship.

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God": This point underscores the importance of confession in the abiding relationship. According to 1 John 4:15, confessing Jesus as the Son of God is a condition for God abiding in the believer and vice versa. This confession is a declaration of faith that solidifies the mutual indwelling.

"We know and believe the love God has for us": This emphasizes the central role of love in the relationship between God and believers. 1 John 4:16 states that knowing and believing in God's love is foundational to abiding in Him. The passage concludes by affirming that God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, further reinforcing the theme of mutual abiding through love.

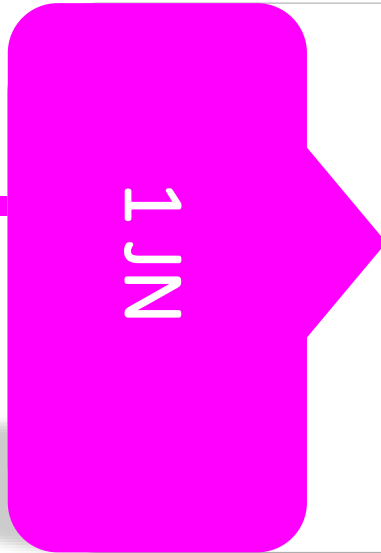
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John's encouraging me to: trust and rely upon His PERSON in me.

How does John unpack the meaning of the above In 1 John?

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Please give a presentation of the rationale and reasoning that the author John used to declare verse 14 of 1 JN 4.13-16. Use all of 1 John as the overall context and 1 JN 4.13-16 as the developed focus.

Context from 1 John Chapters 1-5

Theological Foundations

- 1. Incarnation and of Manifestation Life** John begins his epistle by emphasizing the tangible reality of Jesus Christ, who was "from the beginning" and was "seen," "heard," and "touched" (1 John 1:1-3). This underscores the incarnation as a foundational truth, which is crucial for understanding the subsequent declarations about Jesus as the Savior.
- 2. Fellowship with God** A major theme in 1 John is the idea of fellowship with God and with one another (1 John 1:3). This fellowship is predicated on walking in the light, confessing sins, and adhering to God's commandments (1 John 1:5-7, 2:3-6).
- 3. Love and Truth** John repeatedly emphasizes love as a central commandment and the true mark of a believer (1 John 2:7-11, 3:11-18). Love is not merely an emotion but an action that reflects the nature of God, who is love (1 John 4:8).
- 4. Confession of Jesus as the Christ** The epistle stresses the importance of confessing Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God. This confession is a test of true belief and fellowship with God (1 John 2:22-23, 4:2-3).
- 5. Victory over the World** Belief in Jesus as the Son of God is portrayed as the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4-5). This victory is linked to the testimony of God concerning His Son (1 John 5:9-12).

Focus from 1 John 4:13-16

Verse 14: "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world."

- 1. Eyewitness Testimony** In verse 14, John asserts the apostolic testimony concerning Jesus. This is not a new concept but a continuation of the theme introduced in the opening of the epistle (1 John 1:1-2). The use of "we have seen and testify" emphasizes the credibility and authority of the apostolic witness.
- 2. Divine Mission** The declaration that "the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world" encapsulates the core of the Christian gospel. It reflects the divine initiative in salvation, aligning with the broader biblical narrative of God's redemptive plan (John 3:16).
- 3. Universal Scope** By stating that Jesus is the "Savior of the world," John underscores the universal scope of Christ's salvific work. This aligns with the inclusive nature of the gospel message, which is intended for all humanity, not just a specific group.
- 4. Connection to Love and Abiding** This verse is strategically placed within a passage that discusses abiding in God through love (1 John 4:13-16). The recognition of Jesus as Savior is intrinsically linked to experiencing and manifesting God's love. Those who confess Jesus as the Son of God abide in God and His love (1 John 4:15-16).

Rationale and Reasoning

Consistency with Apostolic Witness John's declaration in verse 14 is consistent with the apostolic witness and teachings found throughout the New Testament. It reinforces the historical and theological claims about Jesus' identity and mission.

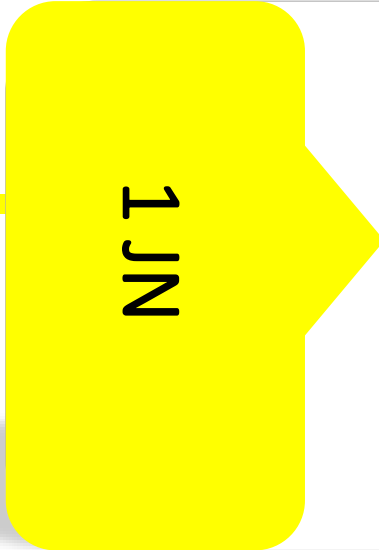
Integration with Themes of Love and Truth The assertion of Jesus as Savior is not isolated but integrated with the overarching themes of love and truth. This integration highlights the transformative power of recognizing Jesus' divine mission, which leads to a life characterized by love and truth.

Encouragement for Believers By affirming Jesus as the Savior, John provides assurance and encouragement to believers, reinforcing their faith and the authenticity of their spiritual experience. This assurance is vital for maintaining fellowship with God and with one another.

In conclusion, John's declaration in verse 14 is a pivotal affirmation of the Christian faith, rooted in the apostolic testimony and aligned with the broader theological themes of love, truth, and fellowship with God. This verse serves as a cornerstone for understanding the nature of Jesus' mission and its implications for believers.

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There is no greater encouragement than seeing and knowing HIS LIFE made real to us. His Life has been made Real to me, evidence I see as free from sin. The Lord Healed my severe cough and I am aware that it was HE.

How does John unpack the meaning of the above In 1 John?

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Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God

To understand the rationale and reasoning behind John's declaration in 1 John 4:15, we need to consider both the immediate context of chapter 4 and the broader themes of the entire epistle. Let's examine this verse: "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." (1 John 4:15) John's rationale for this statement can be understood through several key points:

1. The centrality of Jesus Christ:

Throughout the epistle, John emphasizes the importance of believing in Jesus as the Son of God. This is a foundational truth of Christian faith. In 1 John 2:22-23, he states that denying Jesus as the Christ is characteristic of the antichrist, while confessing the Son means having the Father also.

2. The concept of "abiding":

The idea of "abiding" or "remaining" in God is a recurring theme in 1 John. It signifies a deep, ongoing relationship with God. John uses this concept to describe the intimate connection between believers and God (1 John 2:24, 3:24).

3. The role of the Holy Spirit:

In verse 13 of chapter 4, John mentions that God has given believers His Spirit. This indwelling of the Spirit is seen as evidence of the mutual abiding between God and believers.

4. The importance of confession:

John places great emphasis on the act of confessing Jesus as the Son of God. This is not merely a verbal acknowledgment but a heartfelt belief that affects one's entire life. It's a public declaration of faith that aligns with the truth John and the apostles have witnessed and testified to (1 John 1:1-3).

1. God's love as the foundation:

The immediate context (verses 7-16) focuses on God's love. John argues that God's love was manifested in sending His Son, and that those who abide in love abide in God. The confession of Jesus as God's Son is intrinsically linked to experiencing and abiding in God's love.

2. Overcoming the world and false spirits:

Earlier in chapter 4, John discusses testing the spirits and overcoming false prophets. The confession of Jesus as the Son of God is presented as a key test for discerning true faith (1 John 4:1-3).

3. Assurance of salvation:

Throughout the letter, John provides tests of authentic faith to assure believers of their salvation. Confessing Jesus as the Son of God is one such test, giving confidence to believers about their relationship with God.

In conclusion, John's rationale for verse 15 is deeply rooted in his understanding of the nature of God, the person of Jesus Christ, and the experience of Christian faith. He sees the confession of Jesus as the Son of God as a crucial indicator of genuine faith, which results in a mutual indwelling relationship with God. This confession is not isolated but is connected to experiencing God's love, receiving the Holy Spirit, and living out the Christian life in obedience and love towards others.

How does verse 15 in 1 JN 4.13 - 16 relate to the overall theme of 1 JN 4.13 – 16?

Developing INSIGHTS

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God

Verse 15 in 1 JN 4.13 - 16 states: "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." This verse relates significantly to the overall theme of the entire epistle of 1 John in several key-ways:

Christology: The confession of Jesus as the Son of God is a central theme throughout 1 John. This verse reinforces the importance of correct belief about Jesus' identity, which is emphasized from the very beginning of the letter (1 John 1:1-3) and throughout (e.g., 2:22-23, 4:2-3, 5:1,5).

Abiding in God: The concept of "abiding" or "remaining" in God is a recurring motif in 1 John. This verse directly connects the confession of faith with the mutual indwelling of God and the believer, which is mentioned multiple times in the letter (e.g., 2:24, 3:24, 4:13).

Assurance of faith: One of the main purposes of 1 John is to provide believers with assurance of their salvation. Verse 15 offers a clear test of authentic faith - the confession of Jesus as the Son of God - which aligns with other tests mentioned in the letter (e.g., obedience, love for others).

Contrast with false teachers: The epistle frequently warns against false teachers and antichrists who deny Jesus' true nature. This verse implicitly contrasts true believers who confess Jesus as the Son of God with those who deny this truth (as mentioned in 2:22-23 and 4:2-3).

Connection to love: While not explicitly mentioned in verse 15, the surrounding context (verses 13-16) links this confession of faith with God's love. This connection between faith in Jesus and love is a major theme throughout the epistle (e.g., 3:23, 4:7-12).

The role of the Spirit: Verse 13 mentions the Spirit's role in assuring believers of their relationship with God. This ties into the broader theme of the Spirit's work in believers' lives, which is touched upon several times in the letter (e.g., 2:20,27, 3:24, 4:2).

Testimony and witness: The apostolic testimony about Jesus, mentioned in verse 14, echoes the opening of the letter (1:1-3) and underscores the importance of the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life and ministry.

In summary, verse 15 encapsulates many of the key themes running through 1 John: the true identity of Jesus, the believer's relationship with God, the assurance of salvation, the contrast with false teaching, and the interconnection of faith, love, and the Spirit's work. This verse serves as a concise summary of the letter's main theological points and practical exhortations.



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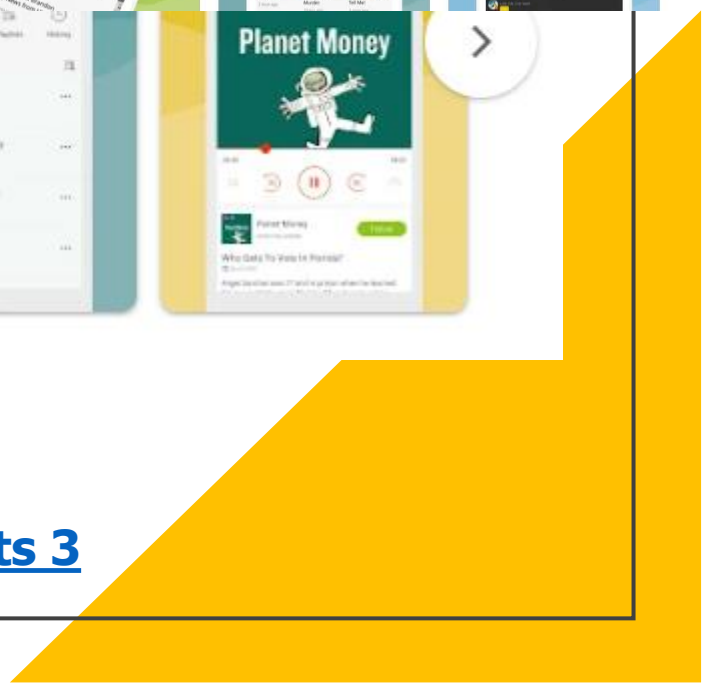
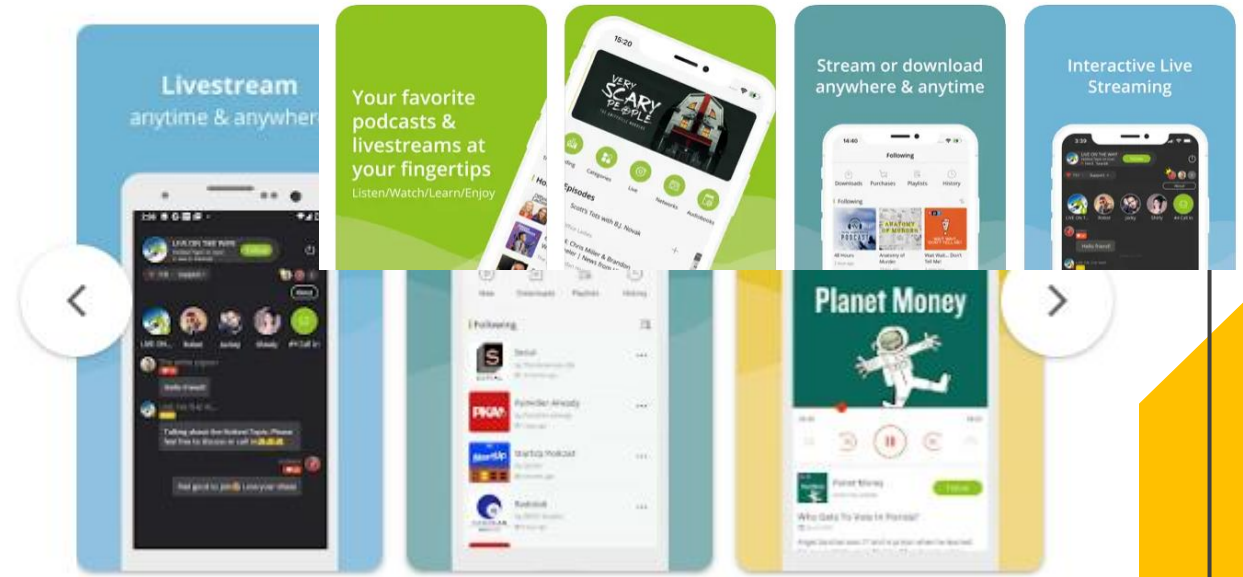
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This is actually really the Triune God Himself, essence, nature, character, attributes

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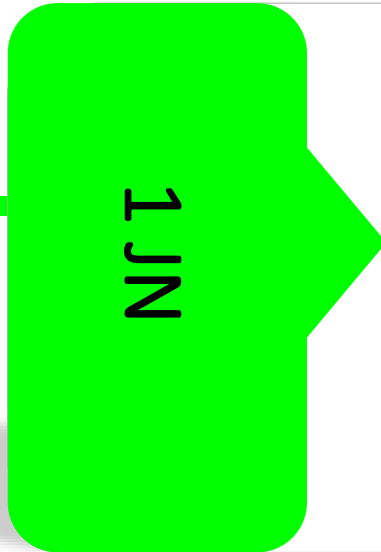
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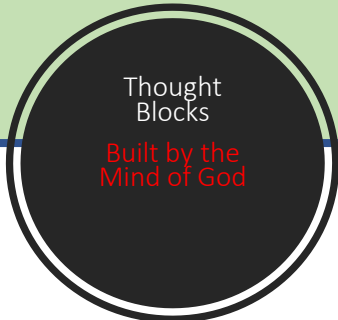
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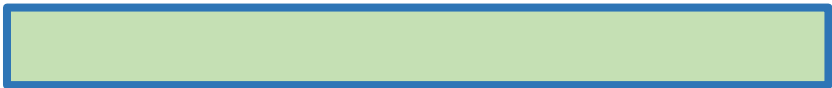
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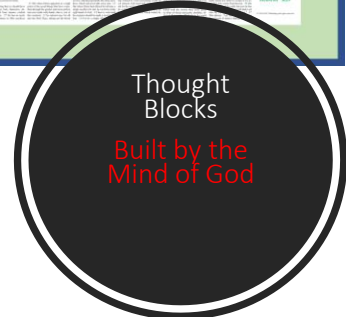
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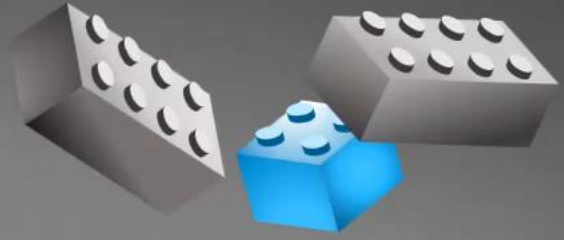
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Chap 1

TB Goal Building

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 your joy may be complete.

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.

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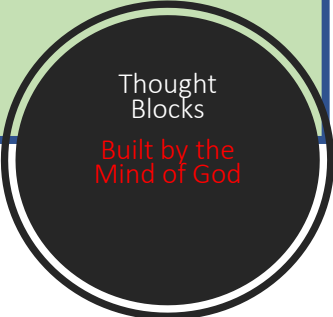
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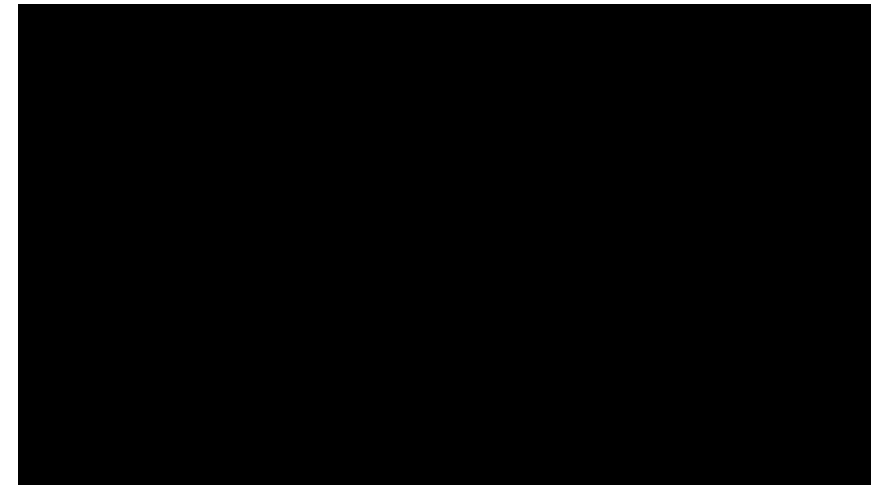
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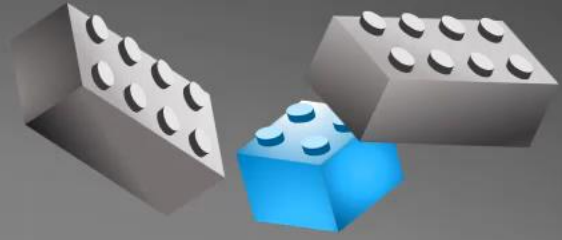
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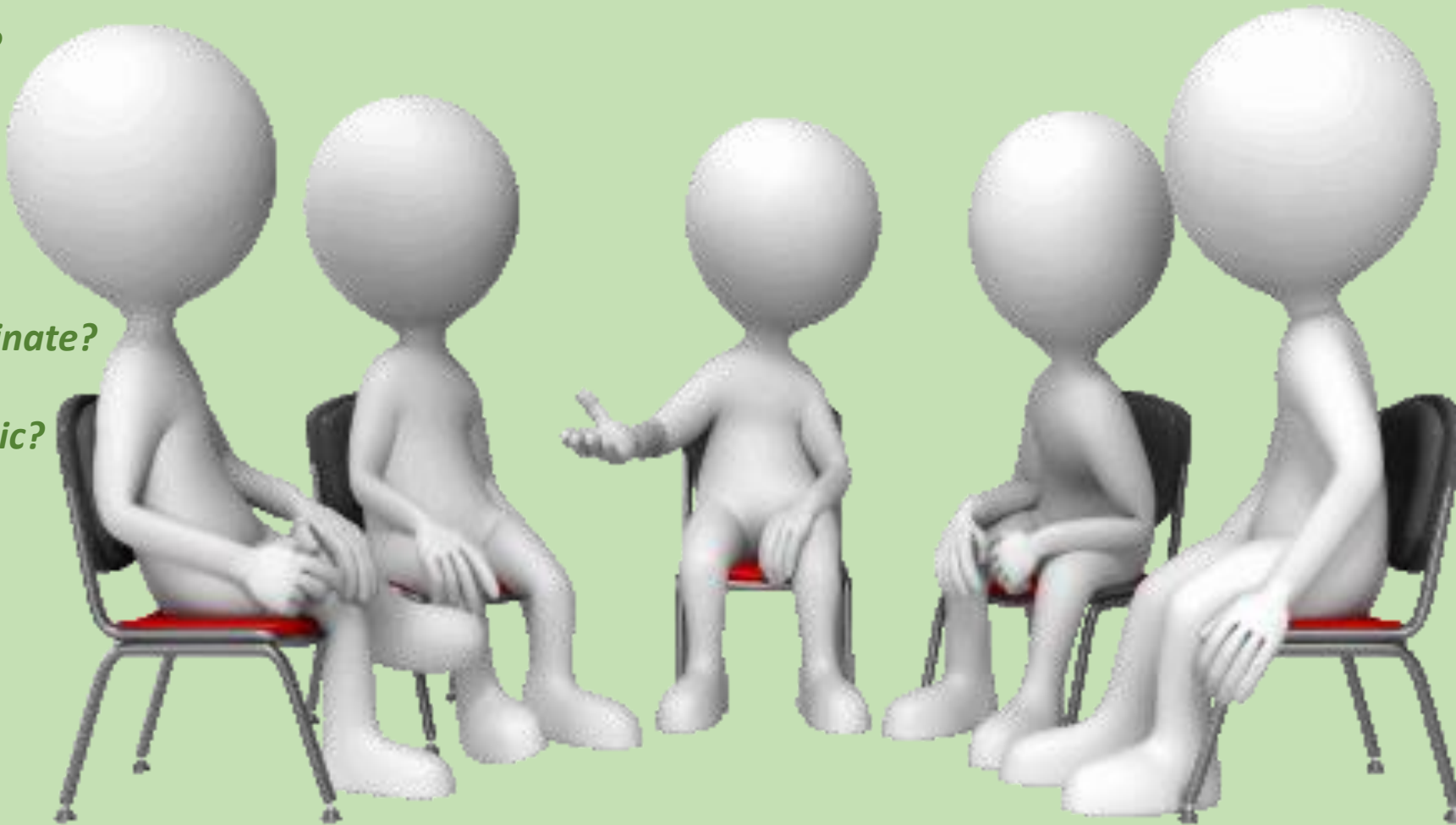
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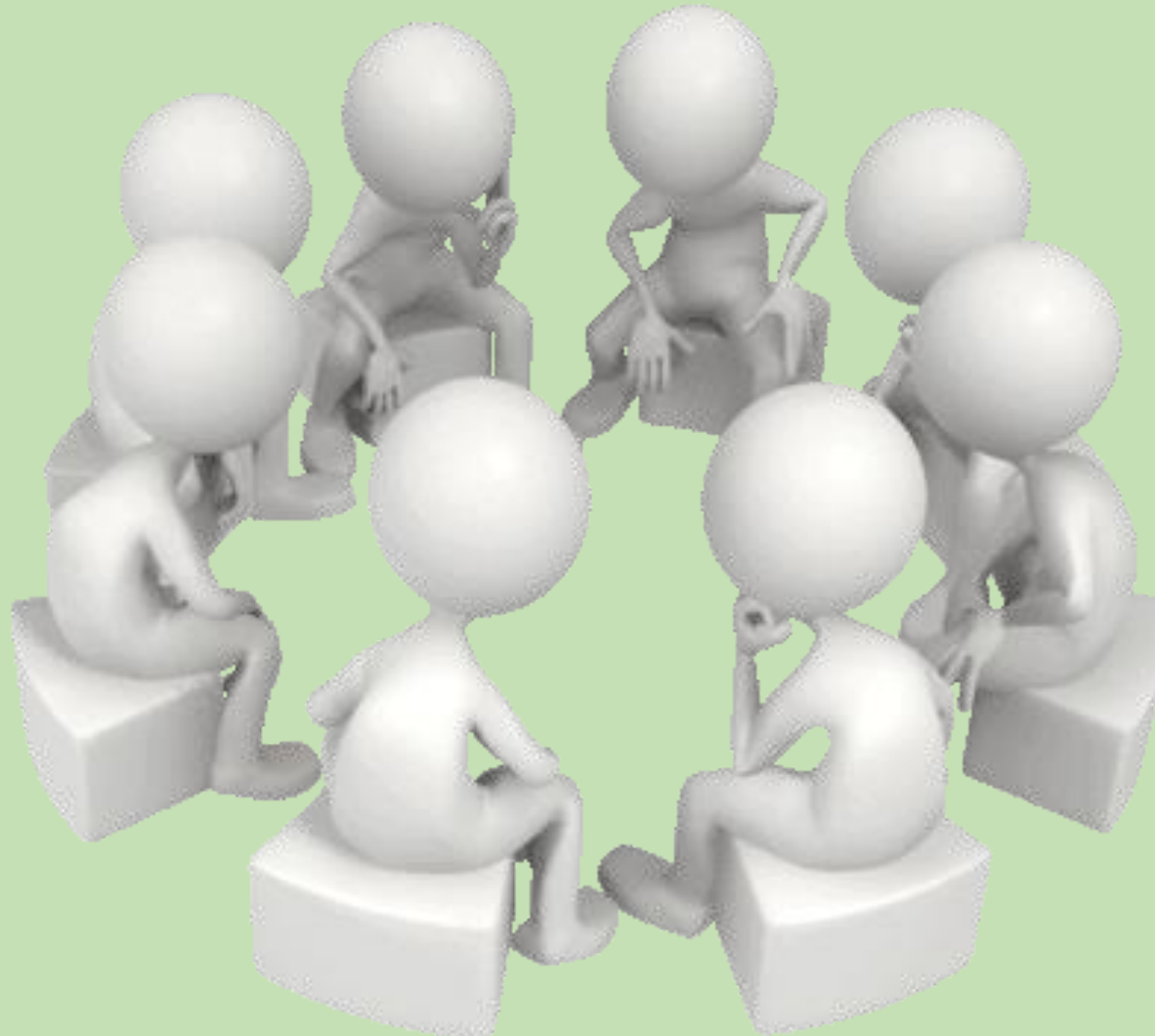
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Stuff that makes sense for the Box

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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.

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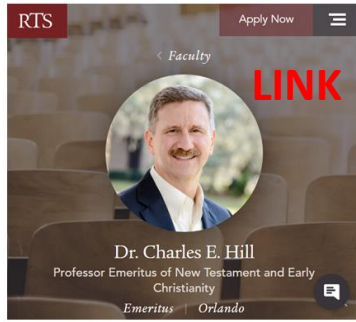
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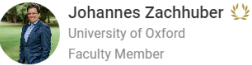
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Nearly two millennia after their latest constituent member saw the light of day, the books that make up the Christian Bible continue to play an indispensable role in the spiritual lives of churches and individual believers. Yet today, many who wish to honor Scripture as the word of God can scarcely do so unaware that nearly every aspect of the study and use of their prized volume is under dispute. Whether the topic be the origins of Scripture's individual books, the early scribal transmission of those books, their eventual collection into an exclusive “canon,” their interpretation, their reliability or truthfulness, or the role they play in the church's attempt to define itself (and others), the reader of Scripture faces no lack of critical scrutiny. It is not surprising, then, that many should think of looking to the “pre-critical” past and should hark back specifically to the early centuries of the Christian era, when the foundations for scriptural exegesis in the Christian tradition were being laid and when Scripture was finding its place in the worshiping life of the church.

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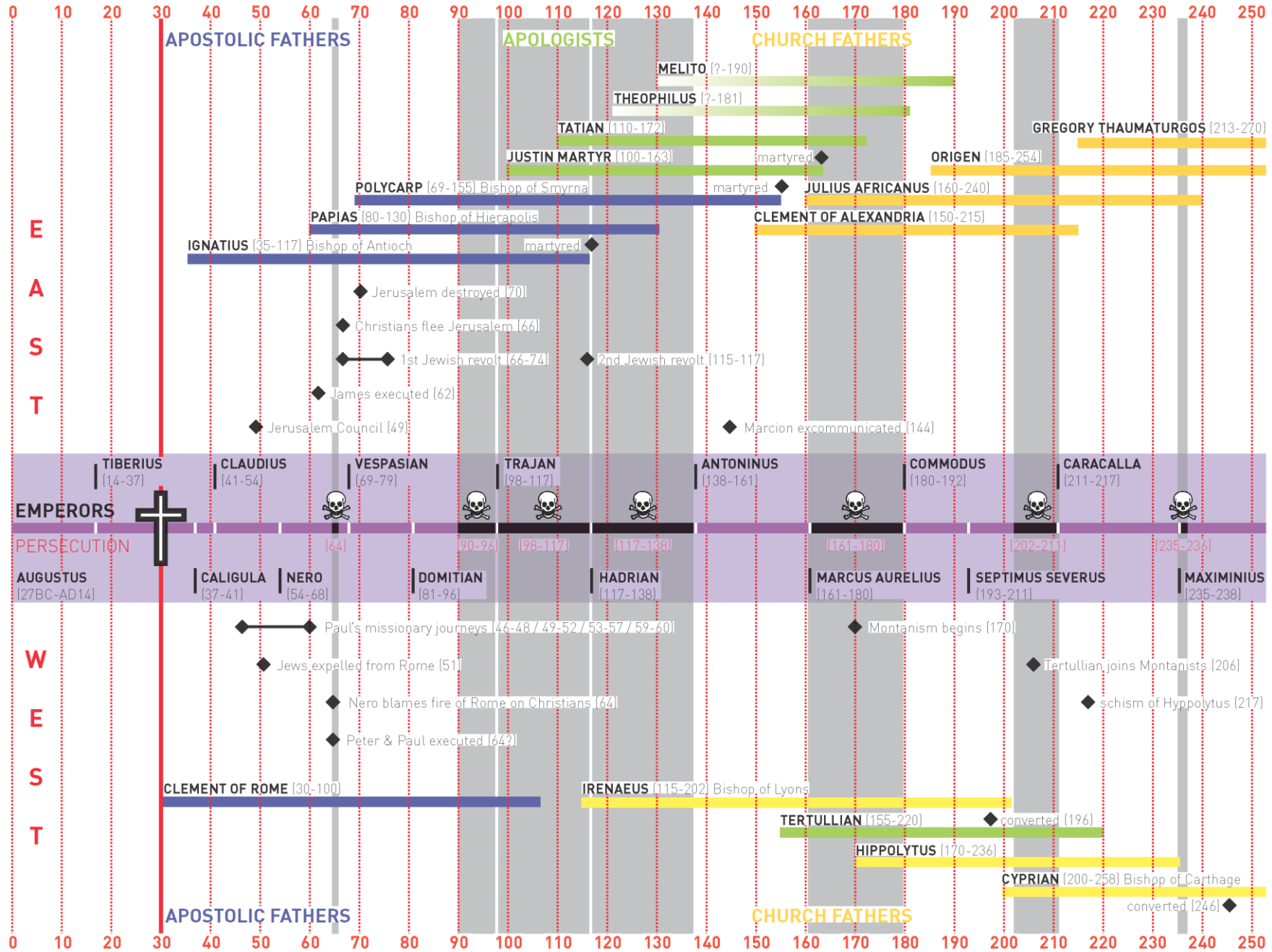
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Some modern researchers have identified the 'Clement the philosopher' mentioned in On the Divine Names V9 of Dionysius the Areopagite with Clement of Alexandria or with a pagan philosopher who was a contemporary of Dionysius or from a more distant past. The present essay develops an interpretation of the above passage in the context of the attempt of the author to stage the structure and contents of his writings so as to persuade his readers of his apostolic identity. Thus, it argues that it would be proper to examine whether the identity of Clement the philosopher in this passage is compatible with the carefully constructed identity of Dionysius. It proposes that it is possible to understand Clement the philosopher as a reference to Clement of Rome because the information we have about him is consistent with Dionysius' professed identity, and also because there were earlier Christian traditions that represented Clement of Rome as related to the apostle Paul, the purported teacher of Dionysius, and trained in Greek philosophy. **Keywords:** Dionysius the Areopagite, Paul the Apostle, Clement of Rome, Clement of Alexandria, Principles of Beings, Scripture, Greek Patristics, Plato, Proclus, Platonism. This is the official academic Journal of the Academia.edu digital forum or website. It is an open access Journal that publishes peer-reviewed research articles authored by scholars in English.

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