

# 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 Nov 1, 2024
- Discussion: God's Thought Blocks Podcast
- Session Schedule: Next Session Date 10/16/24
- 1 JN 4.13-16 : Insights 4

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Oct 9, 2024

# The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

TBS 1 John  
Thought Block Bible Study

Sabbath Rest



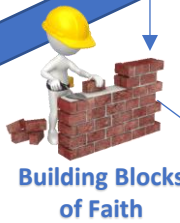
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## Study Method



- 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

## LIFE



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

## Sabbath Rest



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

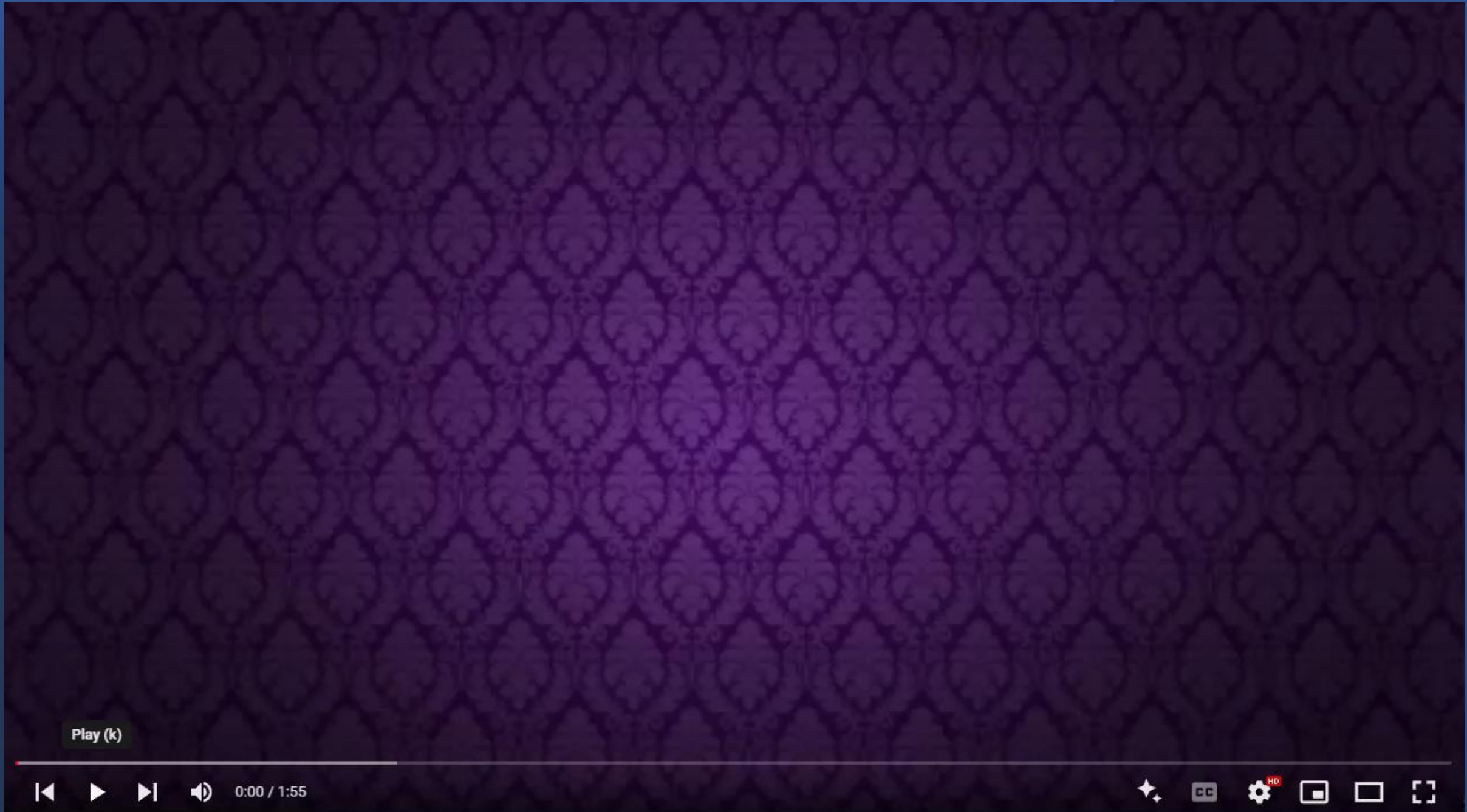
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I came to share MY LIFE with you.*

**THANK YOU LORD FOR  
SAVING MY SOUL**

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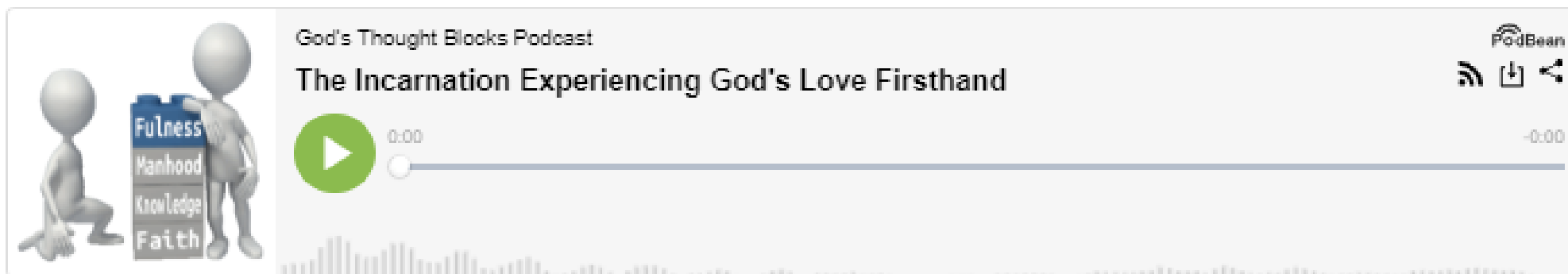
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# Discussion: God's Thought Blocks Podcast



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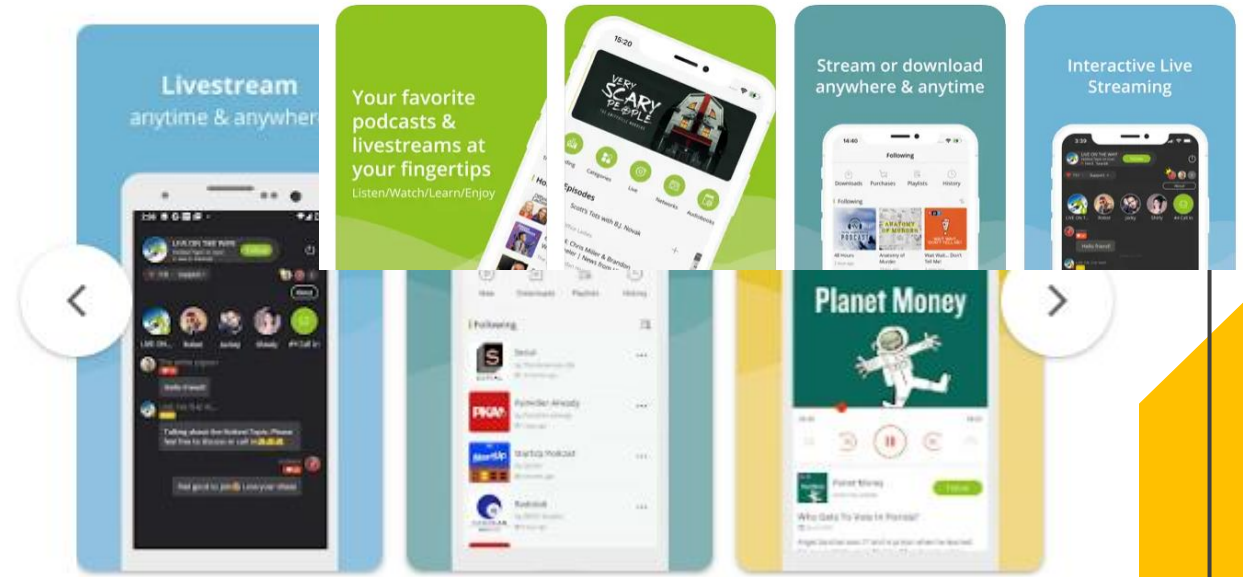
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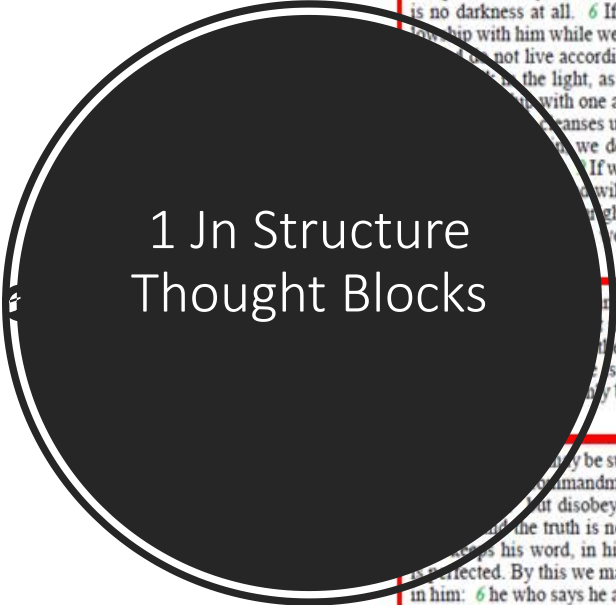


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How Does God  
**COMMUNICATE**  
With Us?

Building  Blocks



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 have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and our sin is not forgiven. 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 our sin is not forgiven.

11 I am writing this to you so that you may not be led astray by anyone who does not acknowledge Jesus Christ who came in the flesh. The one who does not acknowledge Jesus Christ who came in the flesh is the expiation for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world. 12 He who denies that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is the one who is the liar and the deceiver, and he is the one who is the father of lies, and he will receive his just reward. 13 Do not be deceived by anyone who does not acknowledge Jesus Christ who came in the flesh. The one who does not acknowledge Jesus Christ who came in the flesh is the one who is the liar and the deceiver, and he is the one who is the father of lies, and he will receive his just reward.

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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.

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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 no life.

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**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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## 1 John RSV



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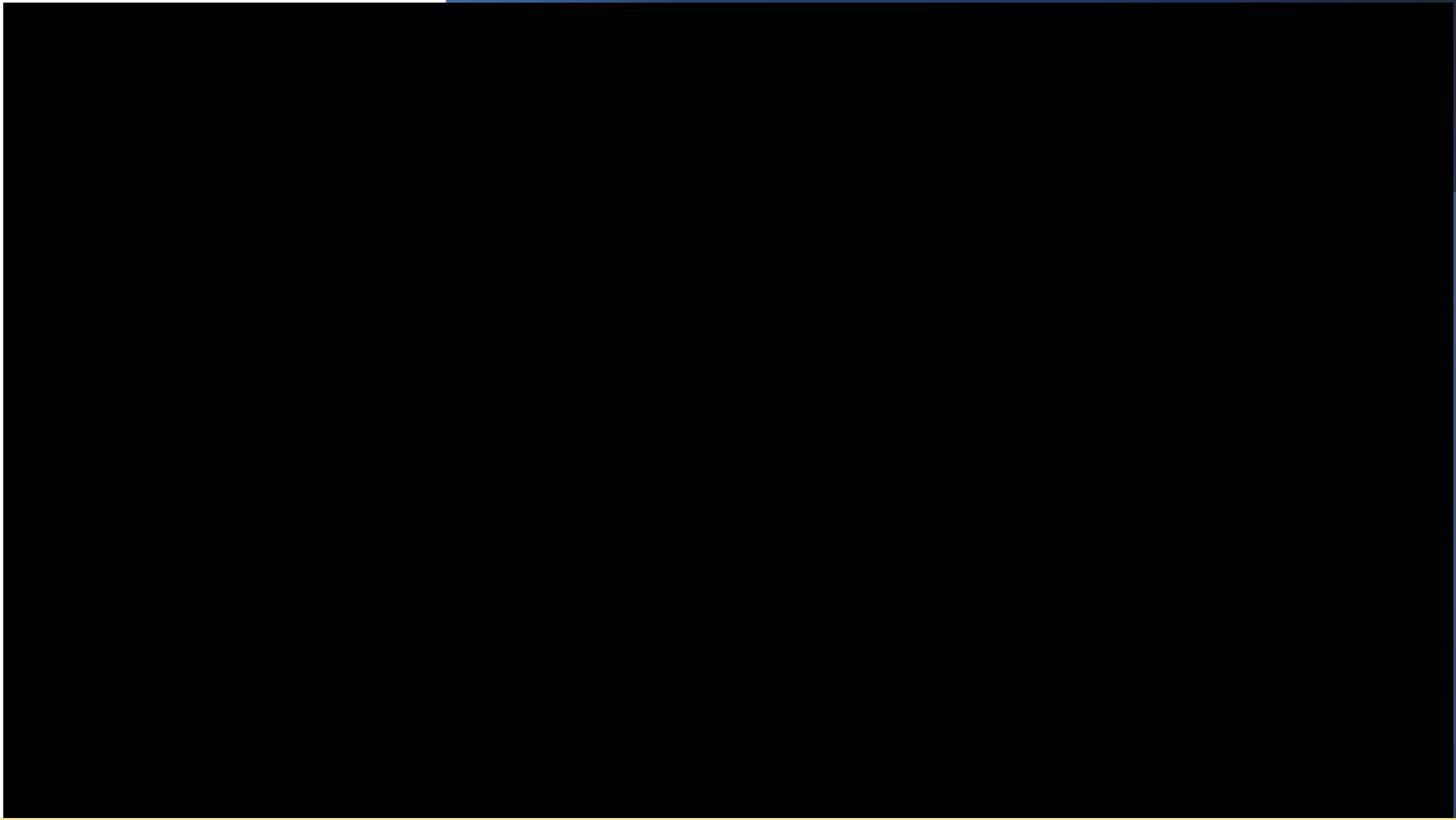
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## Living in the Spirit: Experiencing the Reality of God's Presence

Session 223 on 1 John 4:13-16 delves into various topics centered around Christian faith, such as the importance of confession, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and experiencing God's love. The key focus is on confessing Jesus as the Son of God, which is not just a statement but an experiential acknowledgment of God's transformative presence in believers. Themes include abiding in God's love, mutual indwelling between God and believers, and the assurance of salvation through personal experience of God's love. Participants are encouraged to cultivate a deeper connection with God's love, express that love outwardly, and seek spiritual maturity. The session exhorts believers to move beyond intellectual knowledge, embrace the transformative power of God's love, and live in the assurance of their salvation by faith.





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## SR 223 Discourse Key Themes

### Main Themes:

- Confession of Christ as the Son of God:** The central theme is confessing Jesus as the Son of God. This confession is not merely intellectual but deeply experiential, reflecting an acknowledgment of God's manifest presence in believers' lives.
- Abiding in God's Love:** The study emphasizes the concept of "abiding" in God's love, which goes beyond an intellectual understanding to a continual experience of His presence. Believers are called to remain connected to God, reflecting the mutual indwelling between God and His people.
- Experiential Knowledge of God:** The study urges moving from knowing about God's love to personally experiencing it. This experiential knowledge is transformative and assures believers of their salvation and identity in Christ.
- Assurance of Salvation and Eternal Life:** The session highlights the believer's assurance of salvation through faith in Jesus and the indwelling Holy Spirit. It discusses how this assurance leads to confidence, boldness, and freedom from fear.
- The Transformative Power of God's Love:** God's love, when fully embraced, transforms believers, guiding them toward spiritual maturity and shaping their actions, character, and relationships.

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- Mutual Indwelling of God and Believers:** The session explores the concept that believers "abide in God" and God "abides in them," with the Holy Spirit as the evidence of this mutual indwelling.
- Testing of Spirits:** It touches on discerning true and false spirits, suggesting that believers test the spirits based on the confession of Christ and the presence of God's life in them.
- The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is presented as the evidence of God's presence in the believer's life, guiding them in truth, love, and confidence.
- Obedience and Commandments:** The session connects obedience to God's commandments as a natural outflow of abiding in God's love, emphasizing that true love for God is demonstrated through actions.
- Manifestation of God's Kingdom on Earth:** A broader topic is the manifestation of God's Kingdom through believers as they live out their faith, embodying Christ's life on earth.

### Key Concepts:

- Incarnation:** The idea of God being made manifest in the flesh through Jesus Christ, and how this incarnation is extended into the lives of believers.
- Spiritual Maturity:** The study urges believers to grow in spiritual maturity, moving beyond surface-level understanding to a deep, experiential relationship with God.
- Love as the Hallmark of Faith:** Love is repeatedly identified as the core evidence of abiding in God, both in how God loves believers and how they, in turn, love others.
- Fellowship and Unity in Christ:** The concept of unity in the body of Christ is discussed as part of God's design for believers to experience fellowship with Him and each other.
- Confidence in Faith:** The session encourages believers to find confidence and boldness in their relationship with God, rooted in His love and the assurance of eternal life.

### Directives:

- Confess Jesus as the Son of God:** Believers are directed to openly and wholeheartedly confess Jesus as Lord, recognizing this as central to their faith and identity.
- Abide in God's Love:** Participants are encouraged to remain deeply connected to God's love, allowing it to guide every aspect of their lives.
- Test the Spirits:** The study calls for discernment, urging believers to test spirits and teachings against the truth of Jesus' confession and their personal experience of God.
- Express God's Love to Others:** The session directs believers to reflect God's love through their actions, particularly in how they treat others.
- Seek Spiritual Growth:** Believers are encouraged to strive for spiritual maturity, growing in their knowledge and experience of God.

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#### Exhortations:

1. **Move Beyond Intellectual Faith:** The study exhorts believers to go beyond intellectual assent and enter into a deep, personal experience of God's love and presence.
2. **Embrace the Transformative Power of God's Love:** Participants are called to allow God's love to transform their hearts, minds, and actions, leading to spiritual growth and maturity.
3. **Boldly Confess Christ:** The study urges believers to boldly confess their faith, with the assurance that God abides in them and that their faith is grounded in truth.
4. **Live Out God's Commandments:** The session exhorts believers to live obediently, not as a matter of legalism, but as a natural expression of their love for God and others.

#### Encouragements:

1. **Be Confident in God's Love:** The study encourages believers to be confident in the love God has for them, knowing that this love casts out fear and brings assurance of salvation.
2. **Experience God's Presence Daily:** Believers are encouraged to seek out and experience God's love in their daily lives, staying connected to Him through prayer and reflection.
3. **Trust in the Holy Spirit:** Participants are reminded that the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of God's presence, guiding them in truth and love even when they may not feel it.
4. **Find Boldness in Faith:** The session encourages believers to live boldly, confident in their identity as children of God, and to express their faith with joy and assurance.

**This analysis captures the richness of the study's spiritual insights**, weaving together its deep theological reflections, practical directives, and the encouragement to live in the fullness of God's love and truth.

# Prayer: Our Bible study session SR 223

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## 1. Theme: Abiding in God's Love

**Prayer Point:** Pray for a deeper experience of God's love, moving from intellectual knowledge to personal, transformative encounters.

- **Description:** This theme centers on the believer's call to abide in God's love, allowing His presence to dwell richly in their lives. Participants can pray for a deeper awareness and experience of God's love, one that goes beyond words into a lived, daily reality.

### Suggested Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for Your unfailing love. I ask that You help me abide in that love more fully. Move me beyond mere knowledge of Your love into a deep, personal experience. Let Your love transform my heart, my thoughts, and my actions. May I dwell in Your presence and reflect Your love to others daily. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## 2. Theme: Confidence in Christ and Assurance of Salvation

**Prayer Point:** Pray for believers to be grounded in the assurance of their salvation through the confession of Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

- **Description:** Many Christians struggle with doubt or insecurity about their salvation. This theme highlights the assurance that comes from confessing Christ and knowing the Holy Spirit resides within. Prayer can focus on growing confidence in their eternal security.

### Suggested Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I thank You for the assurance that comes from confessing You as the Son of God. Help me to live in the confidence that You have given me eternal life, and that Your Spirit abides in me. Cast out every fear and doubt, and replace it with the boldness and joy that comes from being securely Yours. Strengthen my faith and deepen my trust in You. Amen."

## 3. Theme: Spiritual Maturity and Growth

**Prayer Point:** Pray for participants to grow in spiritual maturity, understanding, and reflecting the character of Christ more fully in their lives.

- **Description:** This theme focuses on the call to move beyond spiritual infancy into maturity. Participants can pray for deeper insight into God's Word, for personal transformation, and for growth in reflecting Christ's love and character in all areas of life.

### Suggested Prayer:

"Father God, I desire to grow in spiritual maturity. Teach me through Your Word, and guide me by Your Holy Spirit to understand Your truths more deeply. Help me reflect the character of Christ in all I do. Let my life be a testimony to Your transforming power, and may I grow stronger in faith, wisdom, and love each day. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## 4. Theme: Expressing God's Love to Others

**Prayer Point:** Pray for a heart that reflects God's love, expressing that love through actions, kindness, and compassion towards others.

- **Description:** This theme calls believers to demonstrate God's love by how they treat others. Prayer can focus on cultivating a loving and compassionate heart that actively seeks to serve and love others as Christ does.

### Suggested Prayer:

"Lord, help me to be a reflection of Your love to others. Show me how to love as You love, with compassion, kindness, and grace. Transform my heart so that Your love flows through my words and actions. Teach me to see others as You see them, and give me opportunities to serve and care for those around me. Amen."



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## 5. Theme: Overcoming Fear and Walking in Bold Faith

**Prayer Point:** Pray for courage and boldness to overcome fear and live a life of faith that boldly proclaims Christ.

- **Description:** This theme reflects the call to live in faith, free from fear. Perfect love casts out fear, and believers are encouraged to live boldly in the confidence of their identity in Christ. Prayer can focus on overcoming fear and embracing a life of bold witness and faith.

### Suggested Prayer:

"Father, I ask that You cast out all fear and fill me with Your perfect love. Help me to walk in boldness, proclaiming Your truth without hesitation. When challenges arise, remind me that You are with me, and Your Spirit empowers me. Strengthen my faith so that I may live a life that boldly reflects Your love and grace. Amen."

## 6. Theme: Discernment and Testing of Spirits

**Prayer Point:** Pray for discernment in testing spirits, understanding what is from God, and recognizing the truth of Christ in the world.

- **Description:** This theme calls for wisdom in discerning between true and false spirits. Believers are encouraged to pray for the ability to test the spirits according to the confession of Christ, ensuring they walk in truth and are not led astray.

### Suggested Prayer:

"Lord, grant me discernment to recognize what is from You and what is not. Help me to test every spirit against Your Word and the confession of Christ. Give me wisdom to walk in truth and avoid deception. Keep my heart focused on You, and guide me by Your Spirit in all things. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## 7. Theme: Experiencing God's Presence through the Holy Spirit

**Prayer Point:** Pray for a deeper awareness of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence, and for guidance and comfort through His leading.

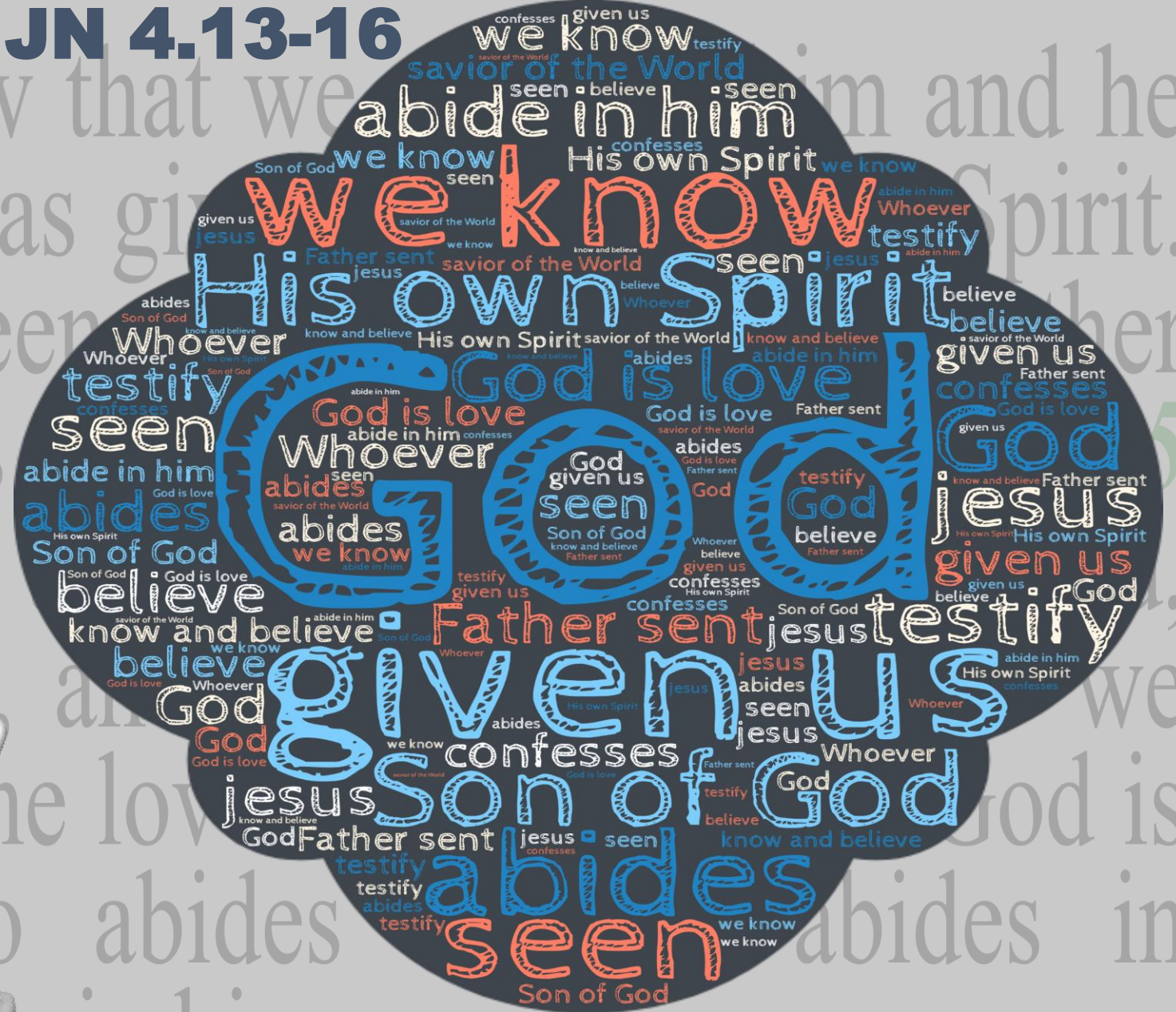
- **Description:** The session emphasizes the Holy Spirit's role in confirming God's presence in believers' lives. This prayer focuses on cultivating a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, relying on His guidance, wisdom, and presence.

### Suggested Prayer:

"Holy Spirit, I thank You for Your constant presence in my life. Help me to be more aware of Your guidance, Your comfort, and Your wisdom. Lead me in truth and teach me to listen to Your voice in every situation. Fill my heart with Your peace, and help me to walk in step with You each day. Amen."

These prayer topics and suggested prayers align with the key themes of the study, offering participants opportunities for personal reflection, spiritual growth, and deeper communion with God.

# 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*



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—<sup>2</sup> 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—<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup> 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; <sup>2</sup> and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. <sup>10</sup> He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

<sup>20</sup> But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I write this to you about those who would deceive you; <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

<sup>3:1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. <sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.

<sup>4:1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup> 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.

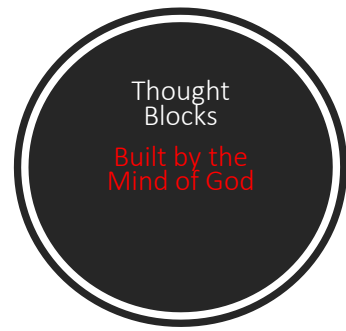
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<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us,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

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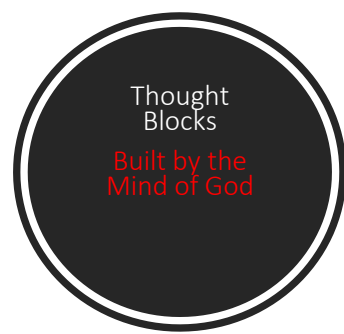
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- **Confession of Jesus as the Son of God:** It states that whoever confesses Jesus as the Son of God, God abides in them, and they in God.
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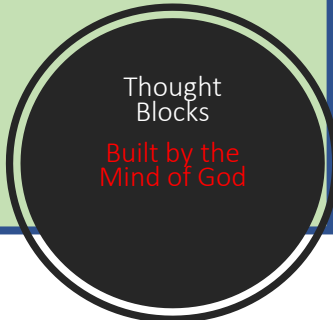


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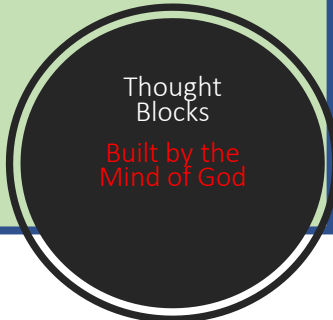
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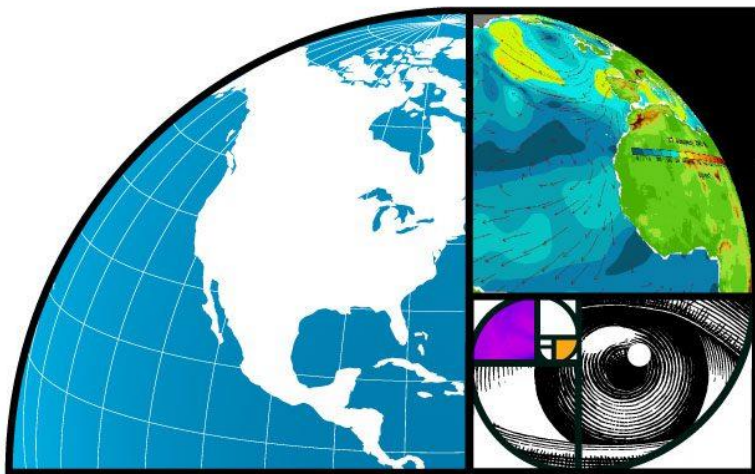


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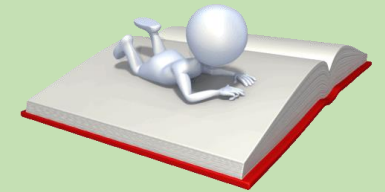
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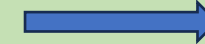
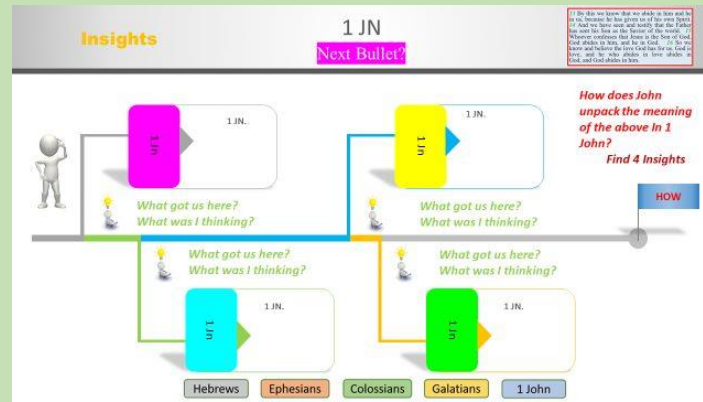
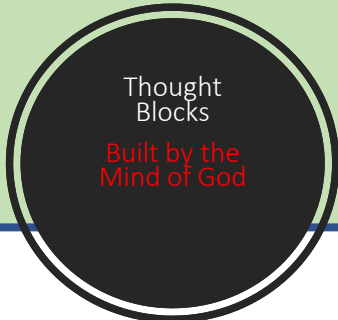


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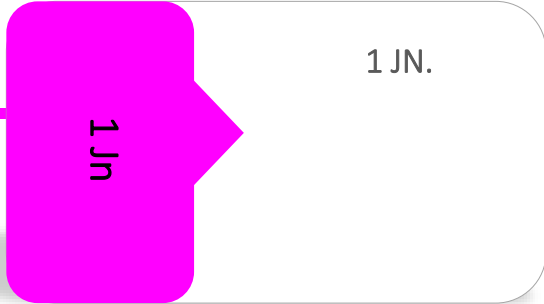
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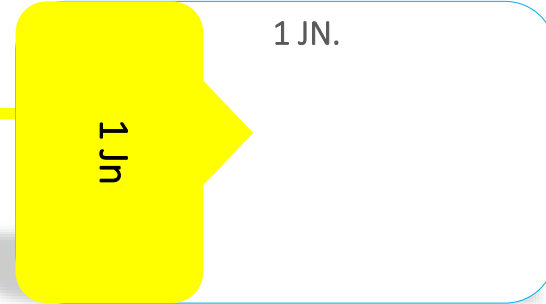
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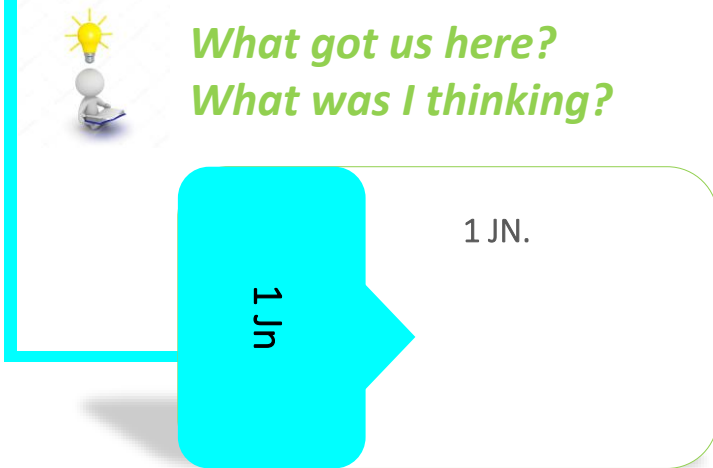
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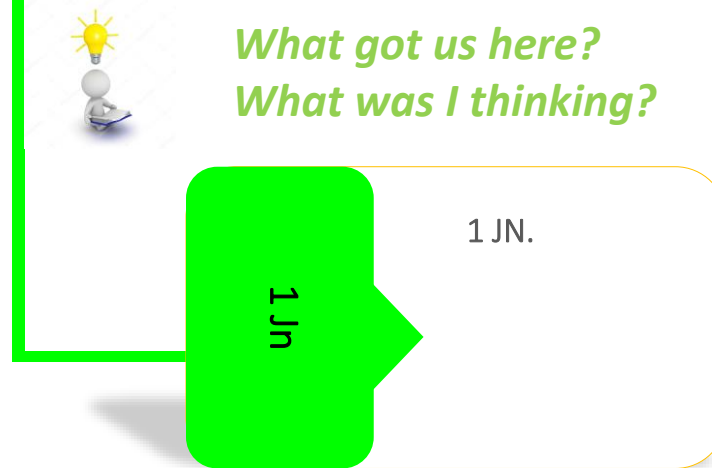
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# From Bullets to Insights

## 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.

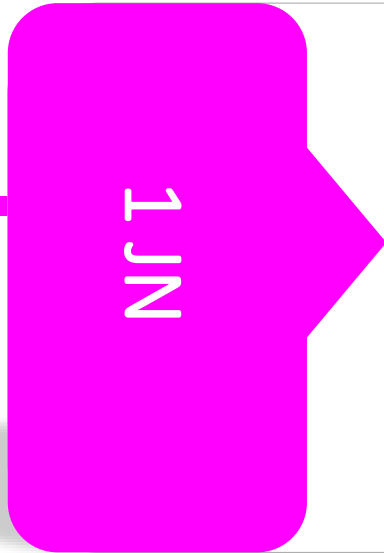
Overall, these points collectively illustrate the core message of 1 John 4:13-16, which is the intimate and reciprocal relationship between believers and God, made possible through the Holy Spirit, faith in Jesus, and divine love.

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He is the very substance of my LIFE therefore I know I abide.  
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?

Find Insights

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What does the Bullet do regarding the mind, heart and belief/faith of the Believer? The WHY of INSIGHT

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.

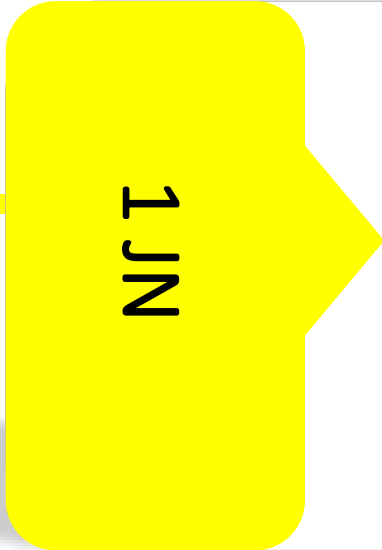
**Integration with Themes of Love and Truth** The assertion of Jesus as Savior is not isolated but integrated with the overarching themes of love and truth. This integration highlights the transformative power of recognizing Jesus' divine mission, which leads to a life characterized by love and truth.

**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?

Find Insights



What does the Author KNOW about the value of this bullet relative to the whole Epistle content? The Reasoning, Rationale and Mind Set purposing of the Author?



## 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

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:

**Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God**

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

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**What overall impression and or feeling, perceptive context or attitude is being conveyed to us regarding the revelation here given us of the SON?**



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## How does verse 16, relate to the overall theme of 1 JN 4.13 – 16?

"So we know and believe the love God has for us" serves as a culmination of the ideas presented in verses 13-16, reinforcing the overall theme of God's love and our relationship with Him. Let's examine how this phrase relates to the broader context:



## Developing INSIGHTS

**we know and believe the love God has for us**

### Connection to Divine Indwelling

The passage begins by emphasizing the mutual indwelling between believers and God

This concept is introduced in verse 13, which states that we know we abide in God and He in us because He has given us His Spirit. This indwelling is further elaborated in the subsequent verses.

### Testimony of God's Love

**Verses 14 and 15 provide evidence for God's love:**

1. The apostles' testimony that the Father sent the Son as the Savior of the world
2. The confession that Jesus is the Son of God, which results in God abiding in the believer and the believer in God

### Culmination in Verse 16

The phrase "So we know and believe the love God has for us" in verse 16 serves as a conclusion drawn from the preceding statements

**It indicates that:**

1. Knowledge of God's love: Based on the indwelling of the Spirit and the testimony about Jesus, believers can confidently know God's love.
2. Belief in God's love: This knowledge leads to a deep-seated belief or trust in God's love.



### God's Nature and Our Response

The verse continues by stating, "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him"

**This further emphasizes:**

1. God's essential nature: Love is not just an attribute of God but His very essence.
2. Reciprocal relationship: Those who live in love demonstrate their abiding in God, and God abides in them.

**In conclusion**, the phrase "So we know and believe the love God has for us" encapsulates the theme of divine love and mutual indwelling presented in 1 John 4:13-16. It serves as a bridge between the evidence of God's love (sending His Son, giving His Spirit) and the practical outworking of that love in the lives of believers.

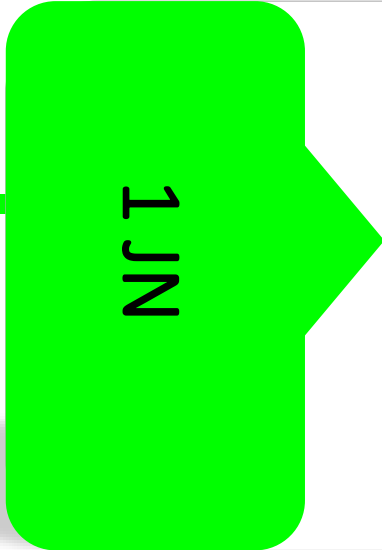


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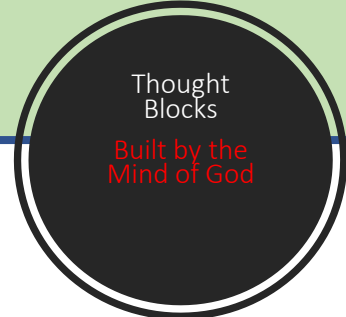
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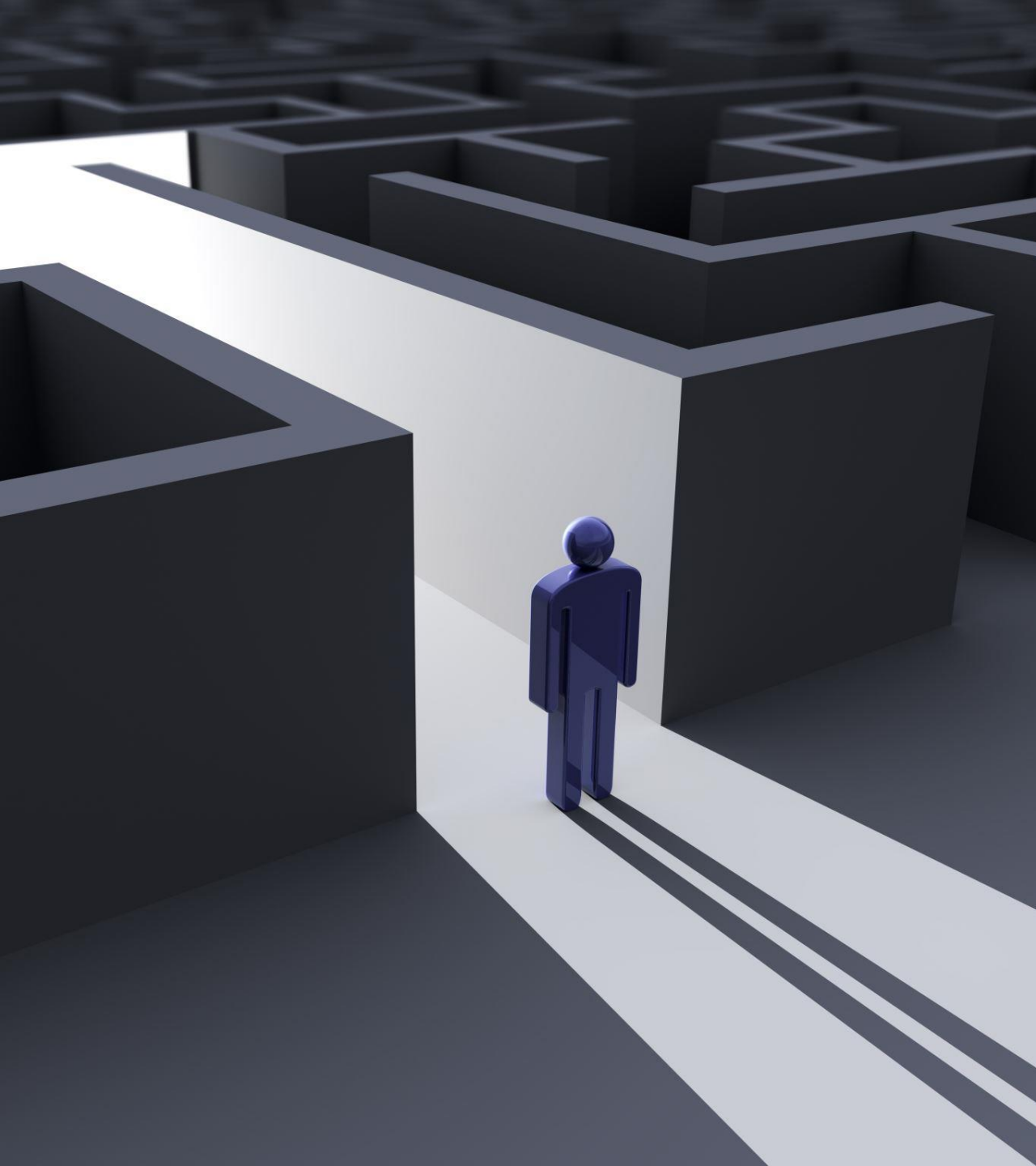
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*The Segway component to the Quad*

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- Give a listing and explain each one.
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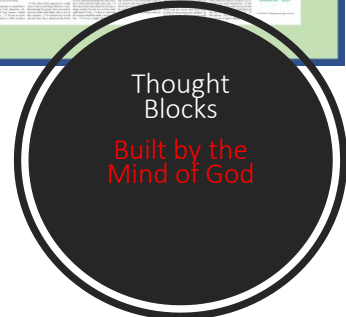
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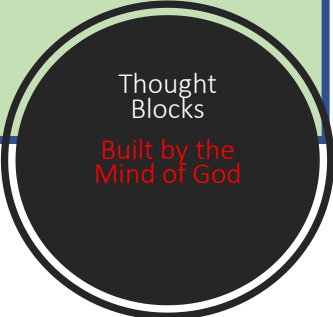
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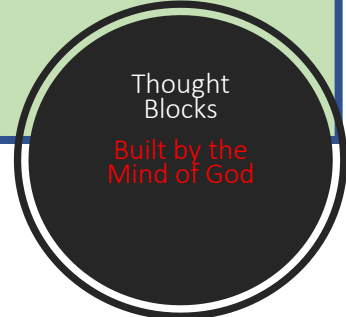
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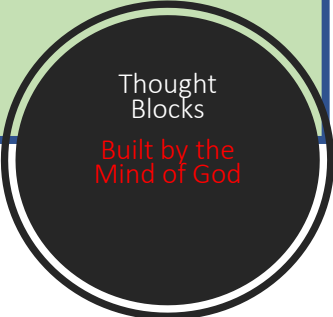
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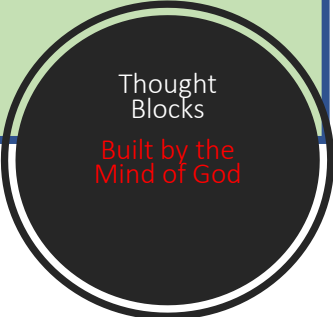
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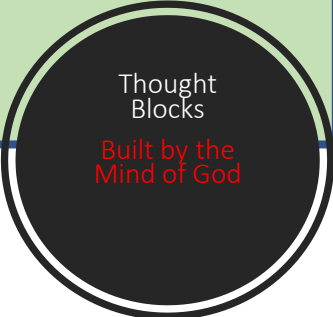
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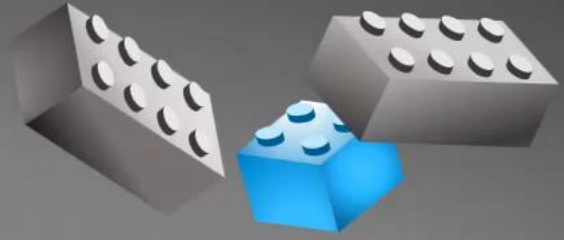
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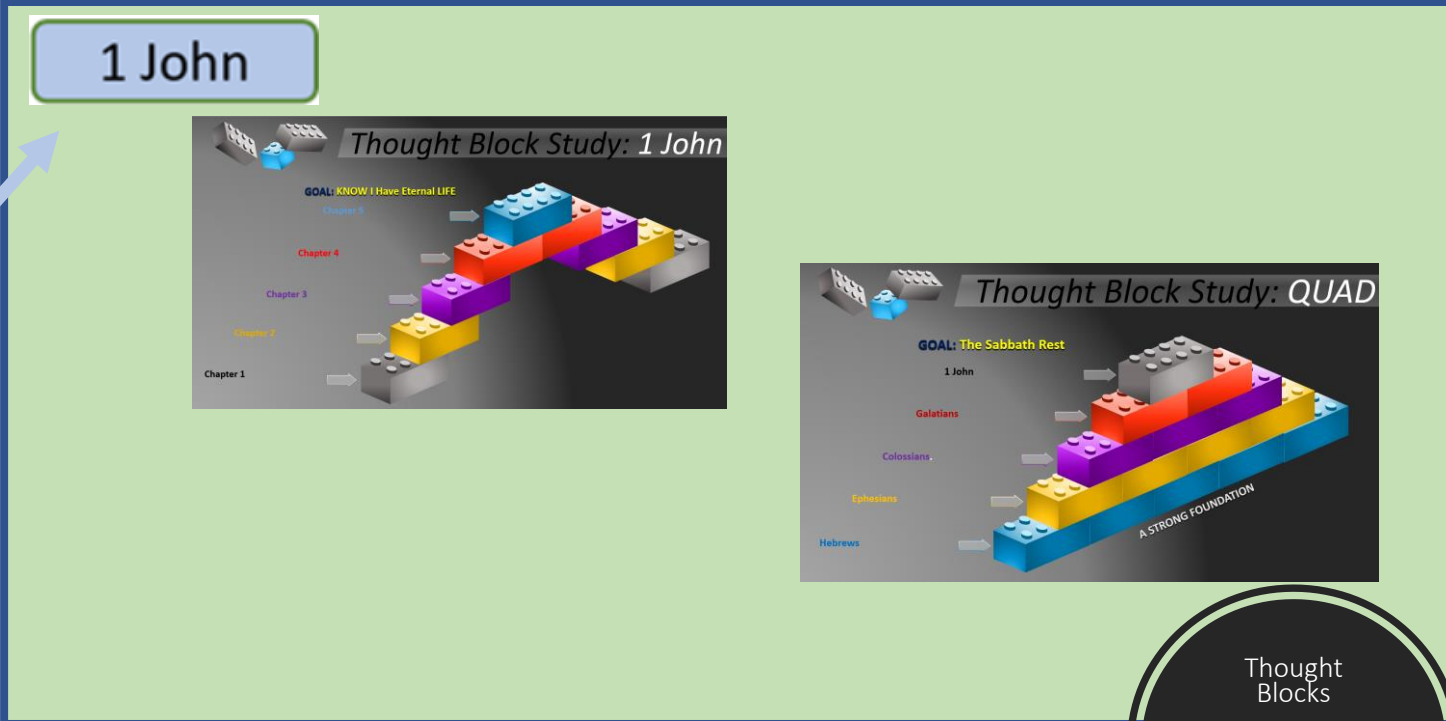


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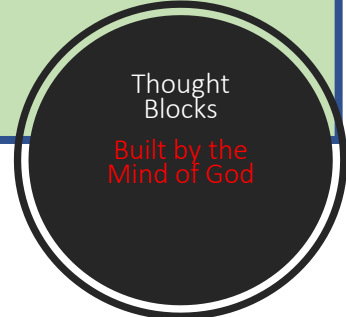
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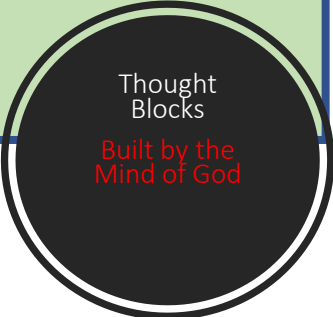
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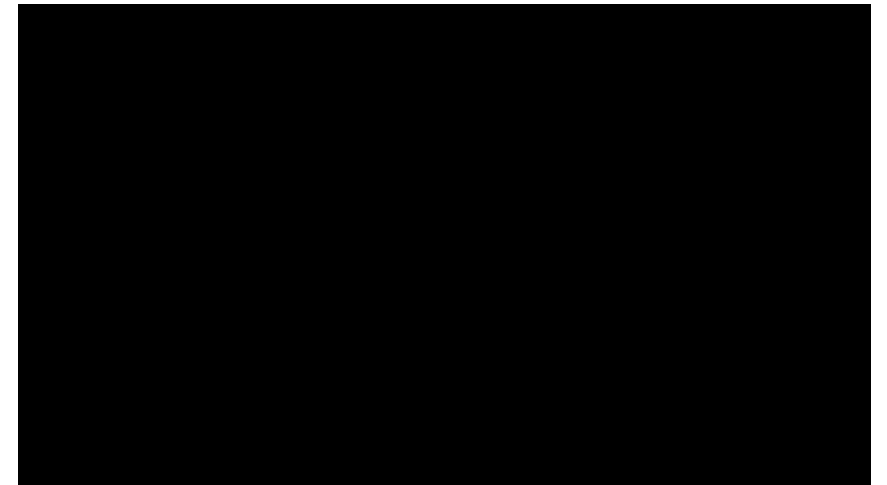
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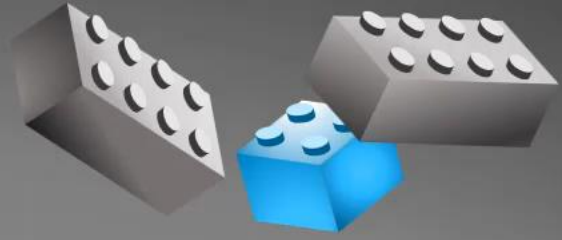
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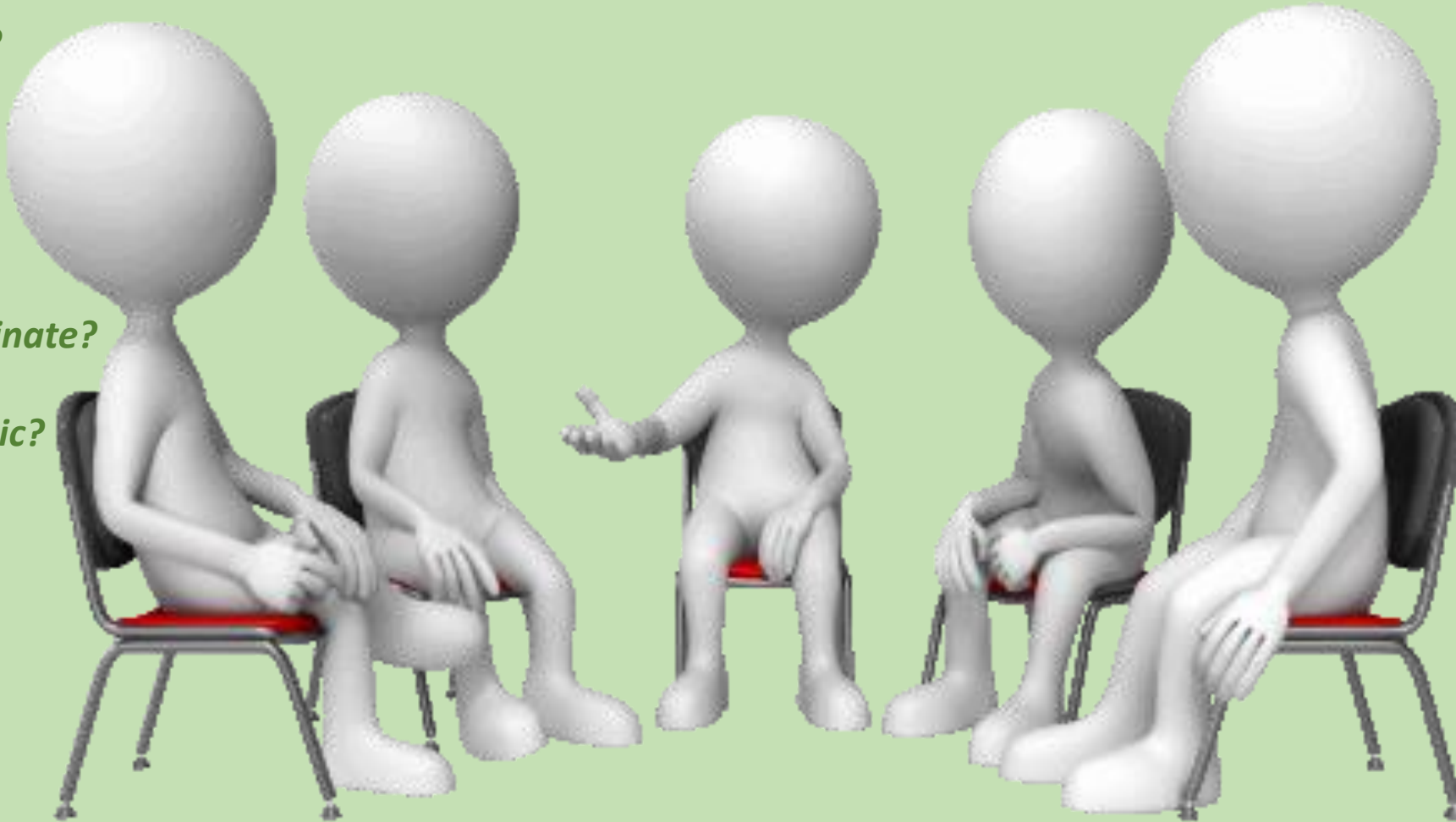
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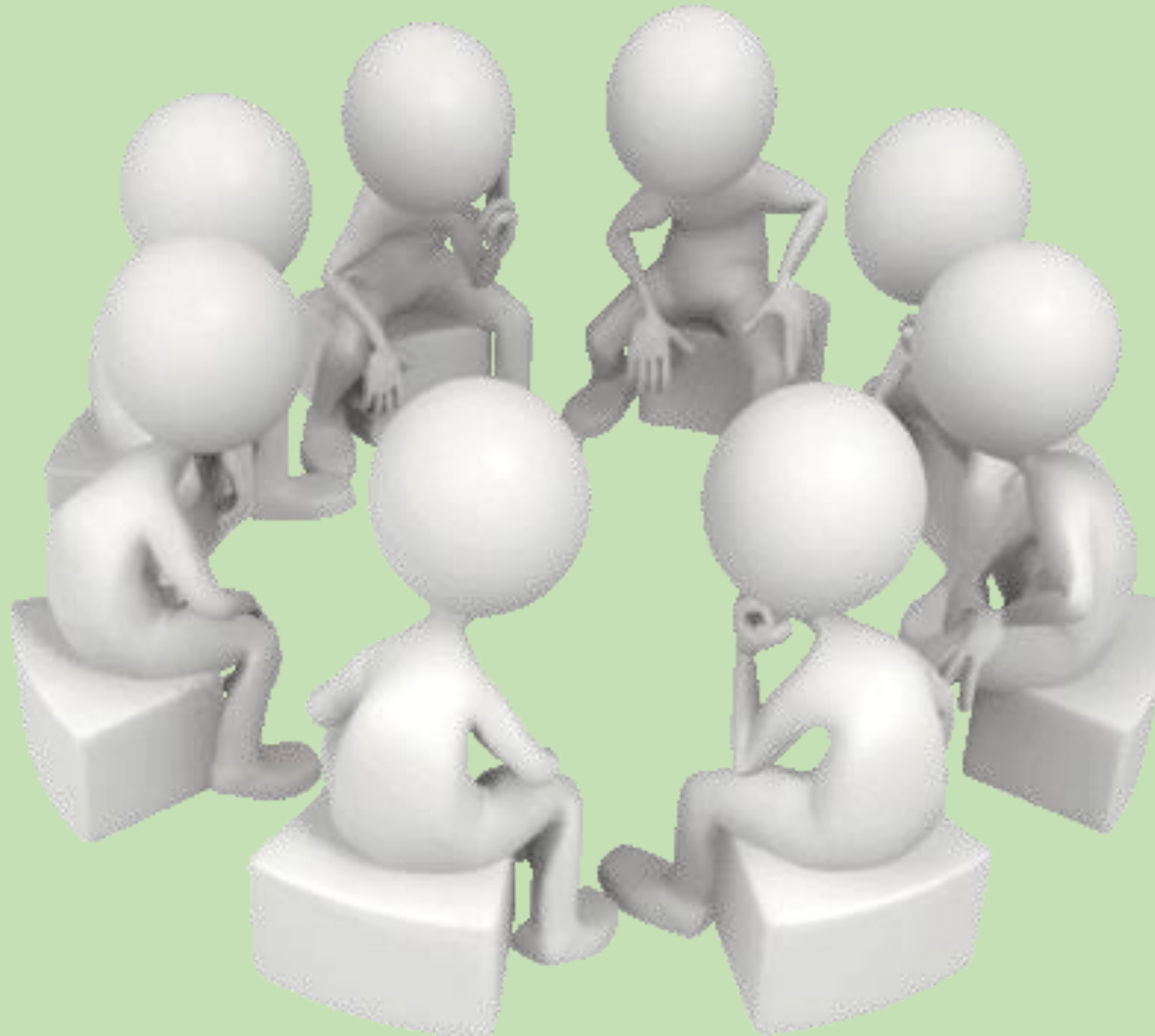
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## Thoughts of NOTE



**Joh 3:14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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**John's emphasis of the experiential LIFE of Christ is confirmed in each of the Epistles.**

**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:** 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:** 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.

**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. **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.

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**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:** 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 these three, the testimony of God is greater;

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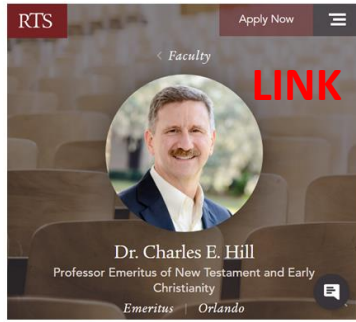
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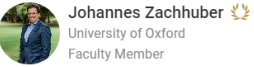
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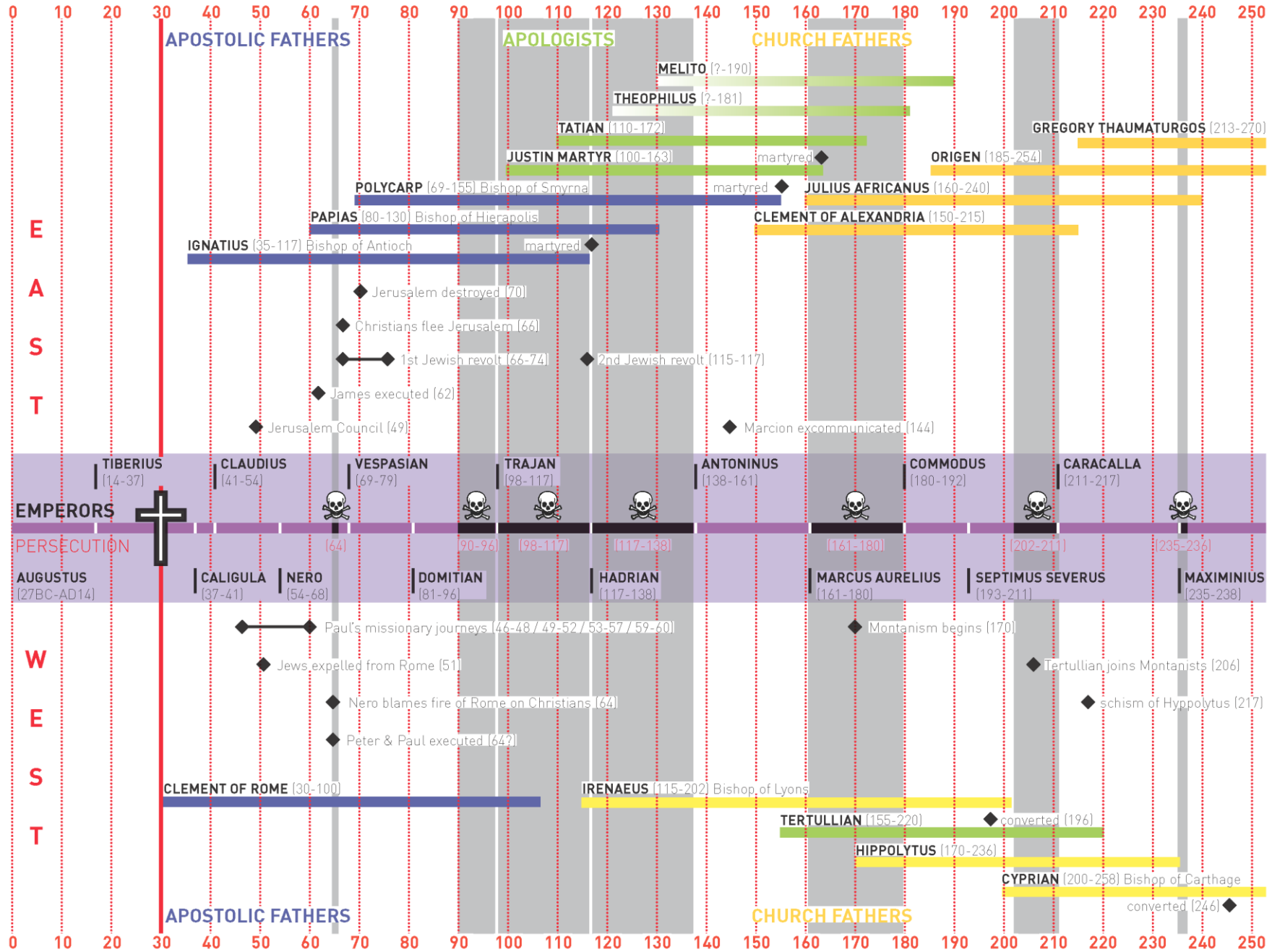
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