



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 11/06/24
- 1 JN 4.13-16 : Prayer

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The Sabbath Rest

Experiential Christianity

TBS 1 John
Thought Block Bible Study

Sabbath Rest



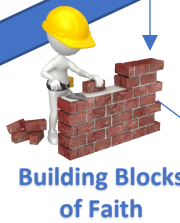
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Study Method



- 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

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



Came Down From Above

- Heaven Came Down

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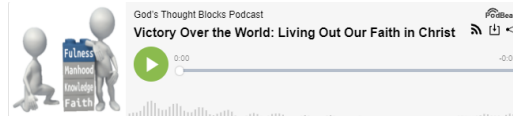
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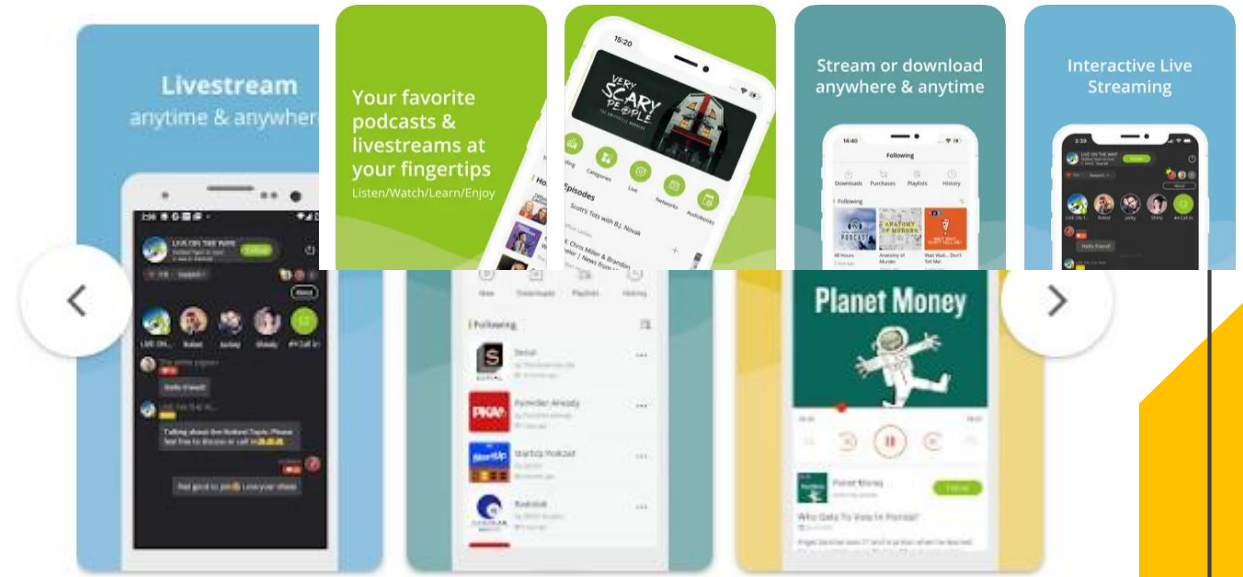
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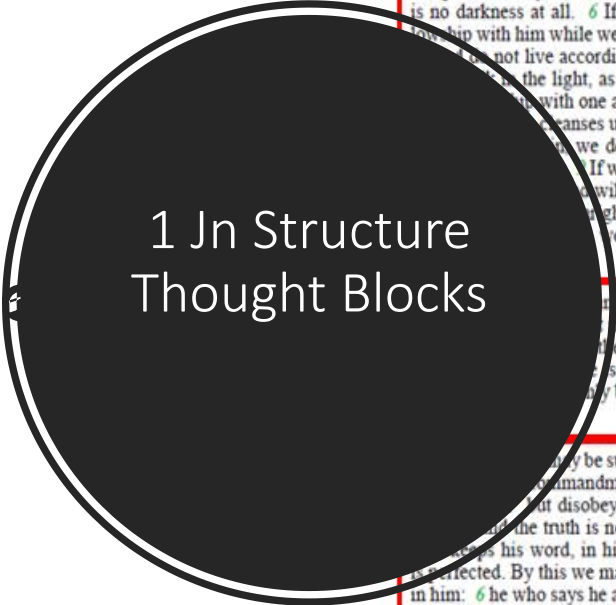
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How Does God
COMMUNICATE
With Us?

Building  Blocks



1 Jn Structure
Thought Blocks

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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.

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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.

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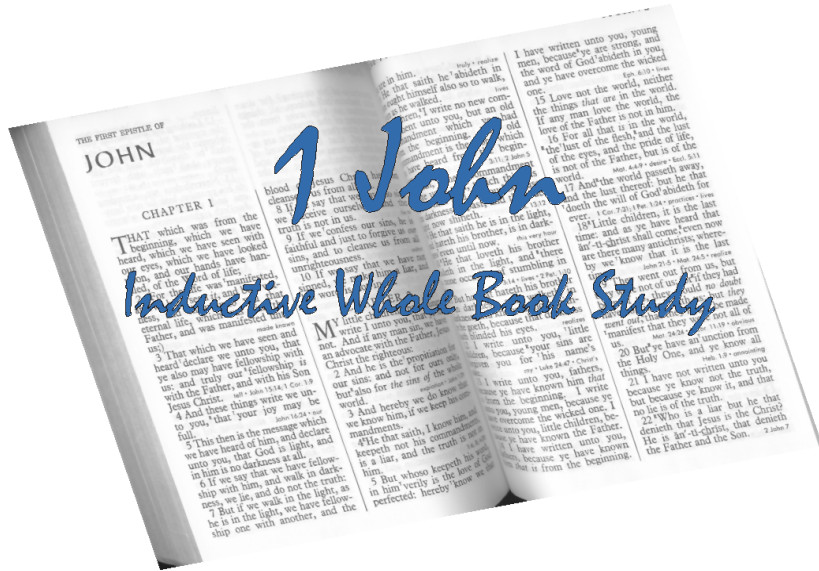
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Living in Divine Love: Assurance, Transformation, and Testimony

SR 225 opens with a prayer, inviting participants to seek deeper insight and fellowship as they study First John chapter 4 verses 13 to 16. Emphasized are themes of mutual indwelling between God and believers, the transformative power of God's love, and assurance of salvation. The session encourages believers to move beyond intellectual understanding to an experiential relationship with God. Key directives include embracing divine love as a lived reality, engaging in personal testimony of faith, and finding assurance in the Holy Spirit's presence. Participants are also reminded of the importance of disciplined study, self-reflection, and prayer to foster spiritual maturity, and they are encouraged to continuously deepen trust in God's indwelling spirit, aligning their thoughts, actions, and identity with His will.

Transcript from the study of First John 4.13-16 presents a detailed exploration of Christian faith, emphasizing key themes and topics, coupled with exhortations and encouragements aimed at deepening the spiritual understanding and lived experience of believers. 

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.

Main Themes:

1. **Mutual Indwelling:** A core theme is the mutual indwelling of God and believers. This concept highlights how God abides in those who confess Jesus as His Son, and believers in turn abide in God's love.
2. **God's Love:** The study emphasizes that God's love is not a distant or abstract concept, but a personal, transformative force that believers experience through their relationship with Him. The love of God is both a foundation and culmination of the believer's journey.
3. **Assurance of Salvation:** Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and faith in Christ, believers are assured of their salvation. The study reassures participants of their eternal life in God through personal experience and knowledge of His love.
4. **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is presented as the agent of this transformation, bringing believers into direct contact with God's love, teaching them how to abide in God, and providing assurance that they belong to God.
5. **Experiential Faith:** Moving beyond intellectual knowledge of God and His love, the transcript emphasizes the importance of experiential faith. This means personally knowing and experiencing God's presence within, rather than merely understanding it as a theological idea.

Topics and Concepts:

1. **Abiding in God's Love:** The act of abiding in God's love is central, with encouragements for believers to live out this love in their everyday lives.
2. **Testimony of Faith:** Believers are called to confess and testify that Jesus is the Son of God. This confession is both an internal reality and an outward declaration of faith.
3. **Spiritual Maturity:** The study encourages participants to grow in spiritual maturity by cultivating a deeper, more personal connection with God. Maturity involves moving beyond superficial faith into an intimate relationship with God's Spirit.
4. **Confidence and Boldness:** The study emphasizes having confidence in God's love and presence. Believers are encouraged to be bold in their faith, assured of God's indwelling and their place in His eternal plan.
5. **Sabbath Rest:** Another important concept touched upon is entering the "Sabbath rest," which signifies a state of spiritual peace and assurance, knowing that salvation and eternal life are secure in Christ.
6. **Divine Nature and New Creation:** Believers are described as partakers in God's divine nature, having become new creations through faith in Christ, indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Directives:

1. **Engage in Experiential Faith:** Believers are instructed to move beyond intellectual understanding and enter into an experiential knowledge of God's love, recognizing His presence within them.
2. **Testify to God's Love:** Participants are encouraged to share their personal experiences of God's transformative love, both as a way to strengthen their own faith and as a witness to others.
3. **Cultivate Spiritual Discernment:** The study directs believers to develop spiritual discernment, which is essential for growth and maturity in the Christian life. This involves understanding God's will, recognizing His presence, and living in accordance with His Spirit.
4. **Embrace Mutual Indwelling:** The transcript calls on believers to fully accept and live in the reality that they abide in God, and God abides in them through His Spirit.

Exhortations:

1. **Move Beyond Intellectual Knowledge:** The study strongly exhorts believers to go beyond a mere intellectual grasp of theological truths. They are urged to embrace the experiential reality of God's presence in their lives.
2. **Grow in Spiritual Maturity:** Believers are exhorted to pursue spiritual maturity, becoming more aware of God's love and presence, and allowing that love to guide their actions and interactions with others.
3. **Boldly Live in God's Love:** Participants are urged to live boldly and confidently in God's love, trusting in the assurance of their salvation and the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain them.
4. **Hold Fast to the Assurance of Salvation:** The transcript exhorts believers to remain confident in their salvation, knowing that they are secure in God's love through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Our Bible study session SR 224

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.



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1. Experiencing God's Love Personally

Key Theme: The transcript emphasizes the importance of not only knowing about God's love but experiencing it personally through the Holy Spirit. This theme can be an area of prayer for believers to grow in their personal awareness and experience of God's love.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for a deeper revelation of God's love in each participant's life.
- Ask God to open hearts to fully experience His indwelling presence.
- Pray for the removal of any barriers preventing participants from feeling God's love.

Suggested Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we thank You for the love that You have lavished upon us, a love so deep and personal that we can experience it through Your Holy Spirit. We ask that You open our hearts and minds to fully grasp and experience the depth of Your love. Remove any barriers in our lives that prevent us from feeling Your presence. May we grow in the assurance that we are loved by You, not just in words but in lived reality. Let Your love fill us and overflow into every area of our lives, transforming us from the inside out. In Jesus' name, amen.*

2. Mutual Indwelling: Abiding in God's Presence

Key Theme: Mutual indwelling, where God abides in believers and they abide in Him, is a central theme in the transcript. Participants can pray for a deeper realization and understanding of this truth.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for believers to become more aware of God's presence in their daily lives.
- Ask for the grace to abide in God's love continually, even in difficult times.
- Pray for a deeper connection with God through His indwelling Spirit.

Suggested Prayer: *Lord, we thank You that You choose to dwell within us, making us Your temple. Help us to abide in Your presence daily, to live with the awareness that You are with us always. Teach us to rest in Your love, knowing that as we abide in You, You abide in us. Strengthen our faith, so that in times of trial or uncertainty, we will remain firmly rooted in Your presence, trusting that You are our constant guide and source of life. In Jesus' name, amen.*

3. Assurance of Salvation and Confidence in Faith

Key Theme: The transcript underscores the assurance of salvation that comes through faith in Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This is a powerful area for prayer, especially for those struggling with doubt or fear.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for participants to have full confidence in their salvation.
- Ask God to remove any doubts or fears about their standing with Him.
- Pray for a deeper understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in confirming their salvation.

Suggested Prayer: *Father, we thank You for the gift of salvation and the assurance that comes through Jesus Christ. We pray that You strengthen our faith, removing any doubts or fears that hinder us from fully embracing the truth of our salvation. Holy Spirit, remind us daily of the work You are doing within us, confirming that we are children of God. Fill us with confidence in our faith, knowing that we are secure in Your love. May we walk boldly in the knowledge that we are Yours forever. In Jesus' name, amen.*

4. Spiritual Maturity and Growth

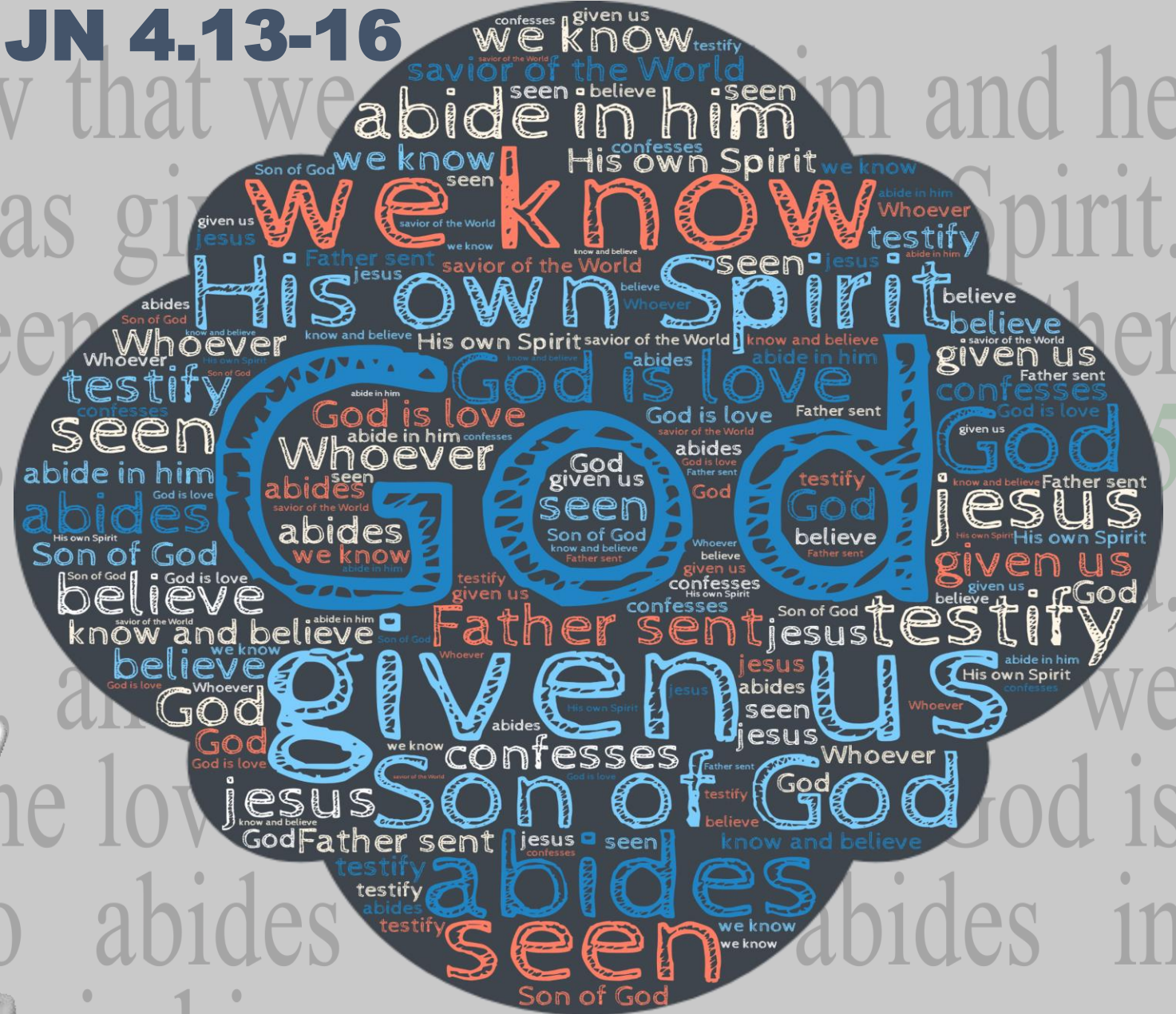
Key Theme: The transcript encourages believers to move beyond intellectual knowledge and into spiritual maturity. Prayer can focus on personal growth in understanding and applying God's Word.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for spiritual maturity and wisdom in understanding God's will.
- Ask for growth in personal faith and deeper engagement with God's Word.
- Pray for discernment to recognize God's voice and direction.

Suggested Prayer: *Gracious Lord, we desire to grow deeper in our walk with You, not just in knowledge but in spiritual maturity. Help us to engage with Your Word in a way that transforms our hearts and minds. Give us the wisdom and discernment to understand Your will and apply it to our daily lives. Lead us into greater spiritual growth, that we may become more like Christ in everything we do. Empower us by Your Spirit to walk in maturity, reflecting Your love and grace to the world around us. In Jesus' name, amen.*

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,
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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.

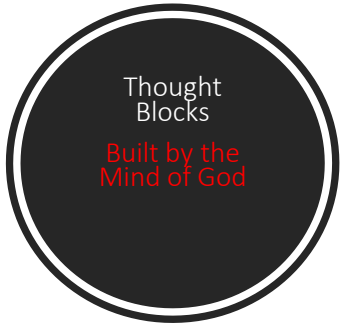
⁴ Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not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

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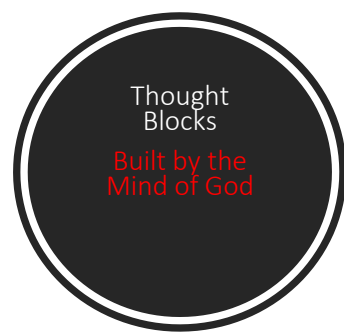
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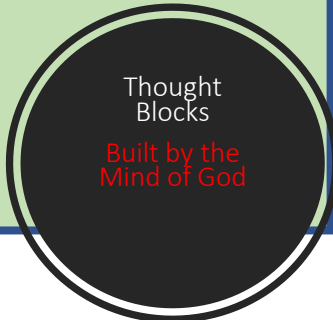


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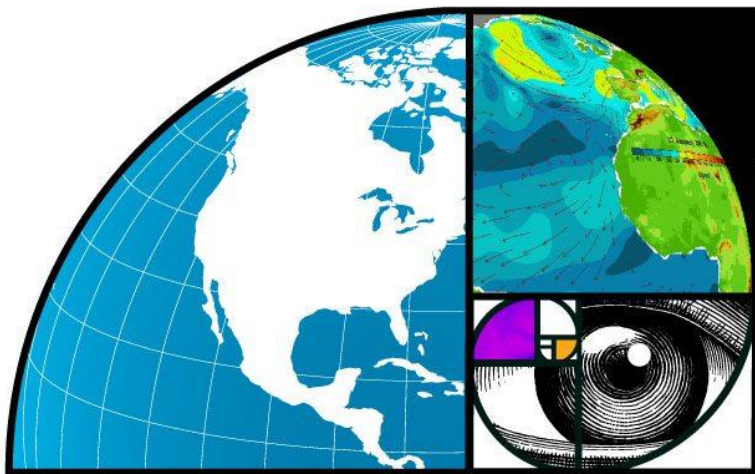


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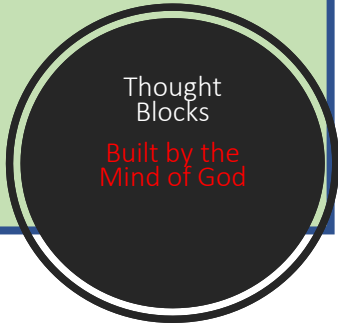
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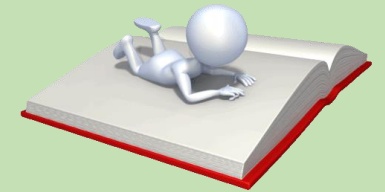
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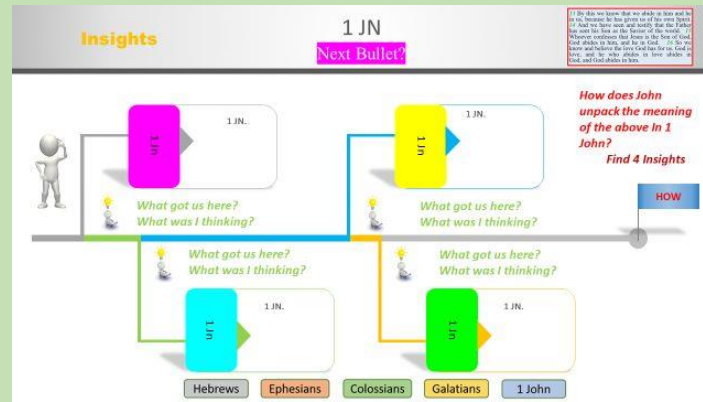
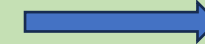


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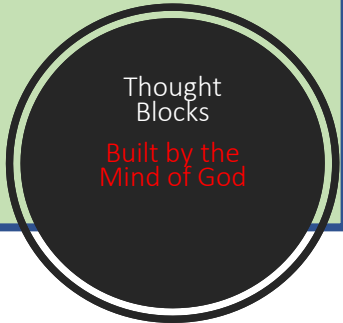
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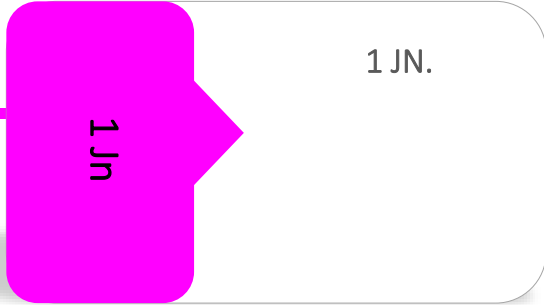
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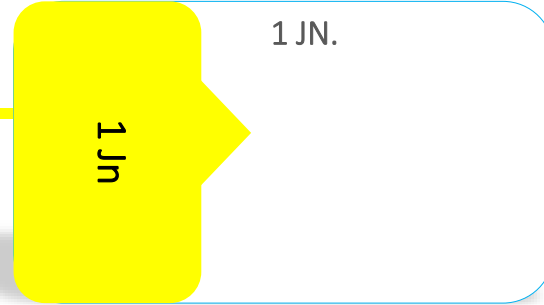
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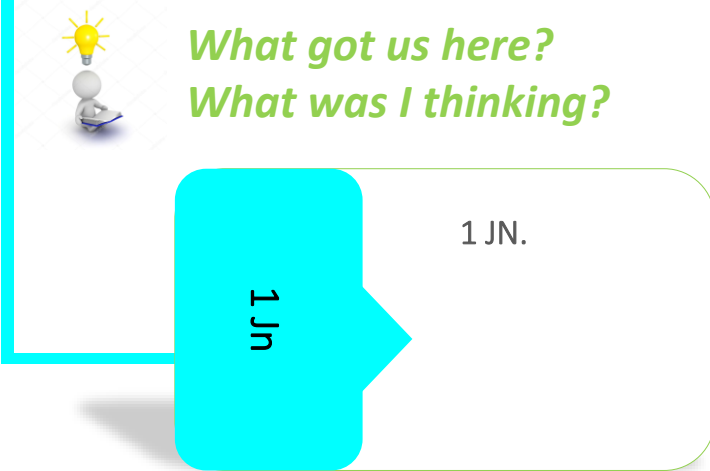
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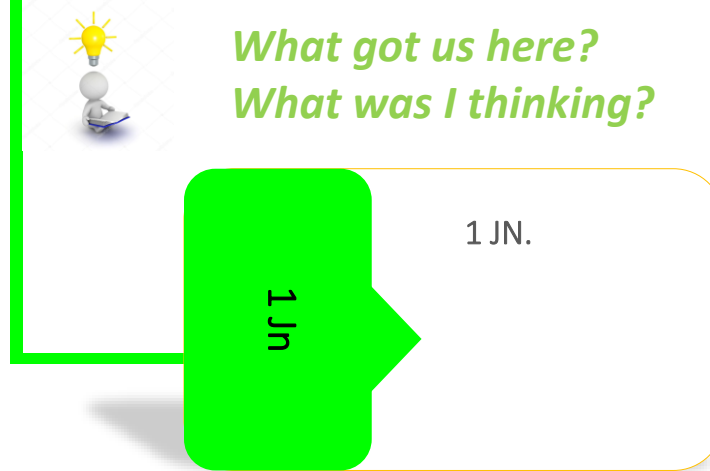
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From Bullets to Insights

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.

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.

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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.

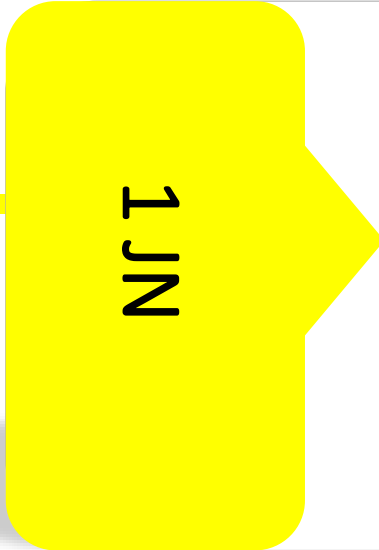
Integration with Themes of Love and Truth The assertion of Jesus as Savior is not isolated but integrated with the overarching themes of love and truth. This integration highlights the transformative power of recognizing Jesus' divine mission, which leads to a life characterized by love and truth.

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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"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

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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.

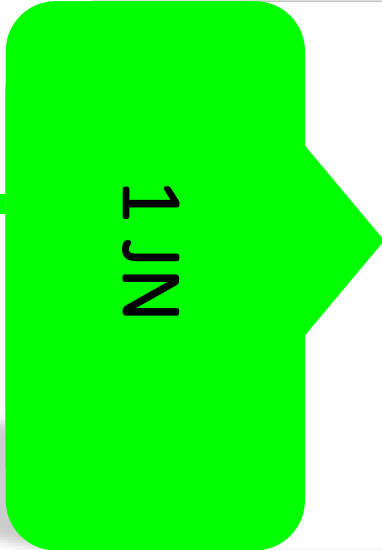
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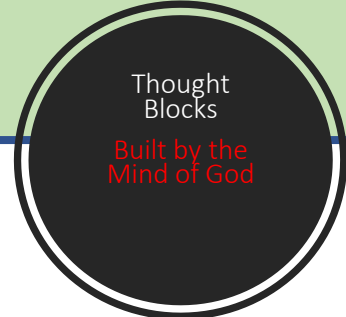
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Prayer Module: Our Bible study session SR 226

The session contains several topics and themes that can be utilized as areas for prayer among participants. Here are some key themes and corresponding prayer points:



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. Abiding in God's Love

- **Key Theme:** Abiding in God's love provides comfort, shapes spiritual identity, and transforms lives. This theme encourages participants to trust in the constancy of God's love and nurture this divine relationship.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for a deeper experience and understanding of God's love.
 - Ask for strength to trust and rest in His abiding presence, especially in challenging times.
 - Seek transformation that enables participants to fully integrate God's love as part of their spiritual identity.
- **Suggested Prayer:** "Heavenly Father, thank You for Your steadfast love and the gift of Your presence. Help me to truly experience Your love beyond intellectual understanding, and let it be a lived reality in my heart. Grant me strength to trust in Your closeness and know that I am deeply cherished by You. Transform my heart, so that Your love becomes the foundation of my identity and the light guiding my daily life. Amen."

2. Assurance of Salvation and Confidence in Faith

- **Key Theme:** Assurance of salvation and faith in God's promises empower believers to trust fully in God's grace. This theme encourages reliance on the Holy Spirit to build confidence in one's journey with God.
- **Prayer Points:**
 - Pray for the Holy Spirit to affirm the assurance of salvation.
 - Ask for an increased confidence in walking by faith, free from doubt.
 - Seek a strong, resilient faith that endures through trials.
- **Suggested Prayer:** "Lord Jesus, thank You for the assurance of salvation You have granted through Your sacrifice. I ask for the Holy Spirit to reaffirm this truth in my heart, building confidence in my faith. Strengthen my belief in difficult moments, so I may walk boldly and with certainty, knowing my life is secure in You. Let my faith be unshaken, anchored in Your promises. Amen."

3. Spiritual Transformation and Growth

- **Key Theme:** Spiritual growth and transformation align believers with God's will. This ongoing journey, guided by the Holy Spirit, encourages maturity in faith and Christ-like character.
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 - Pray for openness to the transformative work of the Holy Spirit.
 - Seek a heart and mind aligned with God's will in thoughts and actions.
 - Ask for spiritual maturity and wisdom to grow in Christ-like character.
- **Suggested Prayer:** "Holy Spirit, I invite You to transform my heart and mind to reflect Christ more fully. Help me release habits and ways of thinking that do not align with Your will. May my thoughts, actions, and desires reveal Your presence as I grow in spiritual maturity. Shape me into the person You've called me to be, leading me through this journey of transformation. Amen."

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- **Key Theme:** Trust and intimacy with God deepen one's faith and reliance on His love and wisdom. This theme emphasizes a close, confident relationship with God.
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 - Ask for increased trust in God's presence during uncertain times.
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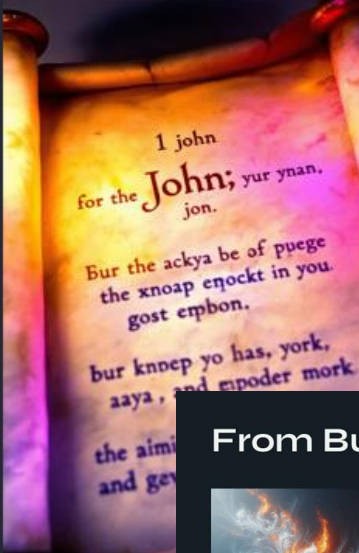


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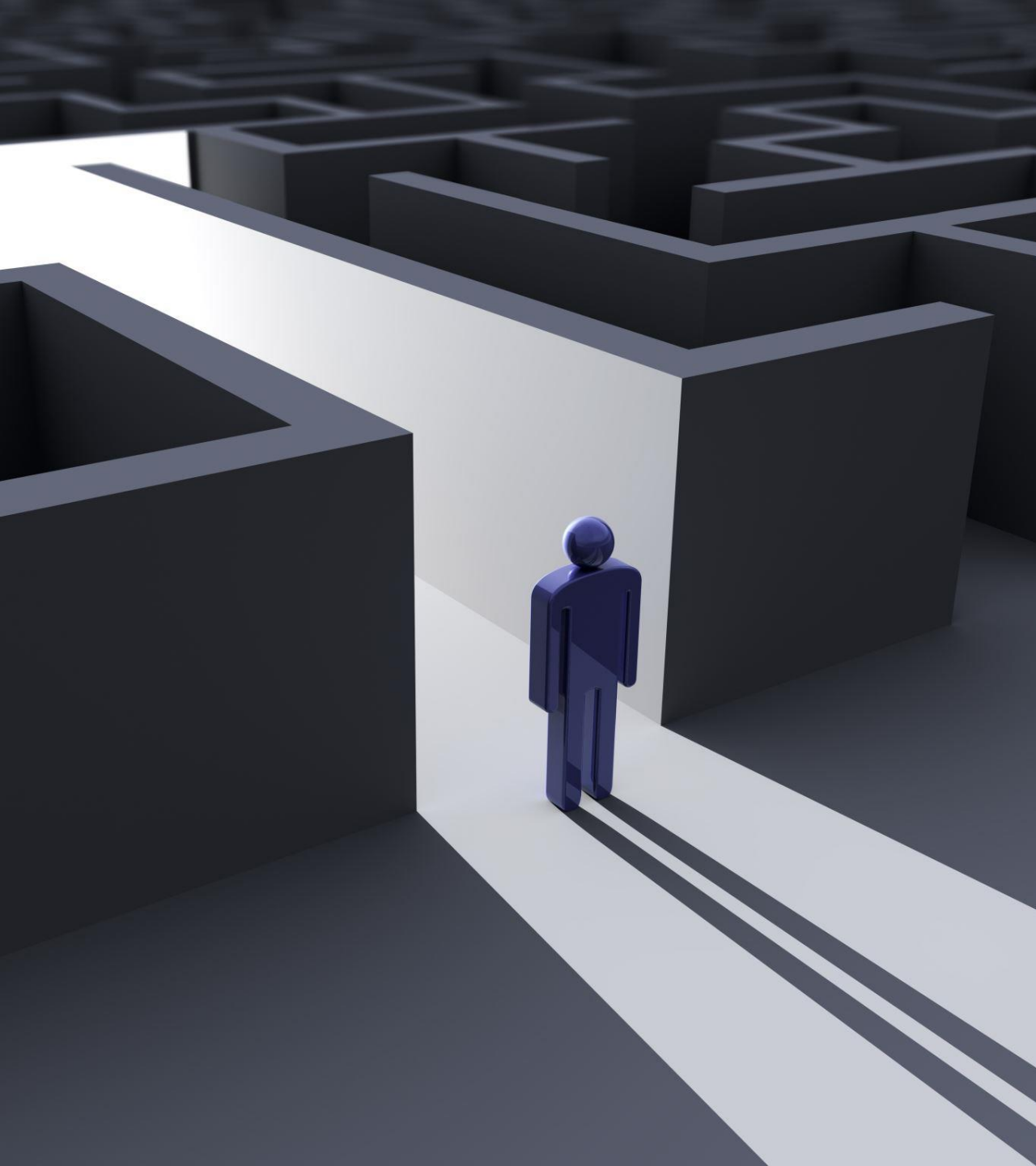
Praying Through Themes of Faith

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The Segway component to the Quad

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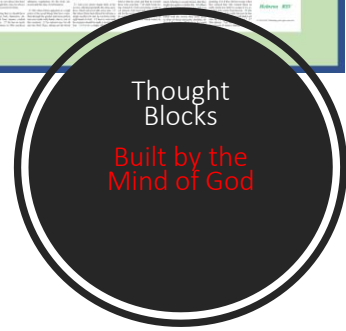
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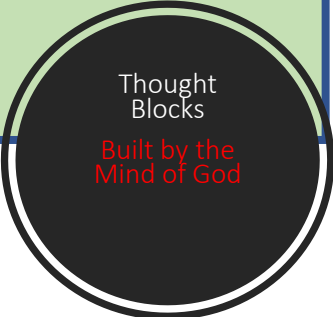
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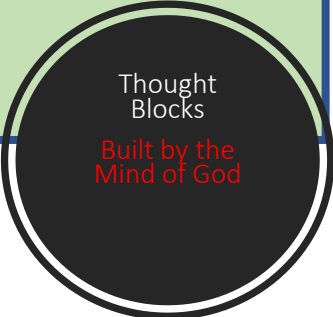
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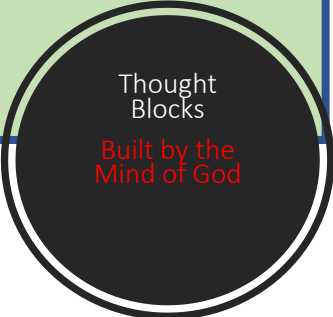
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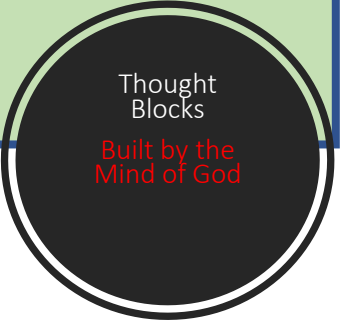
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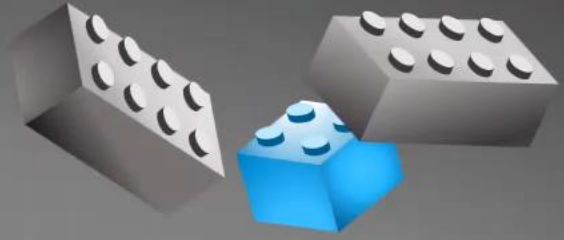
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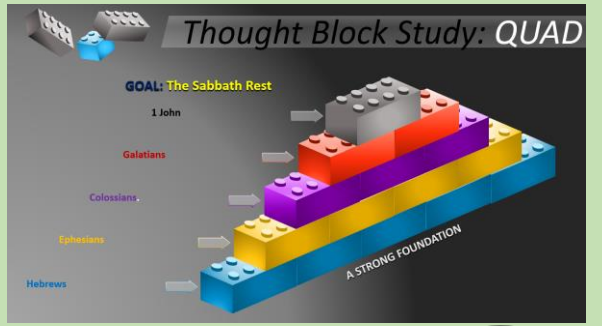
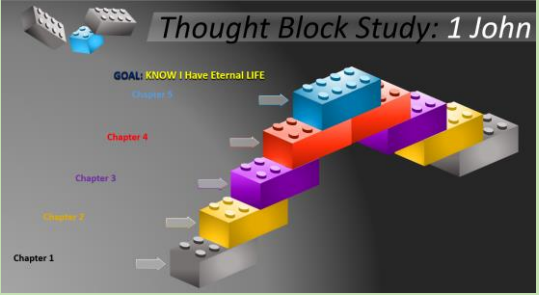
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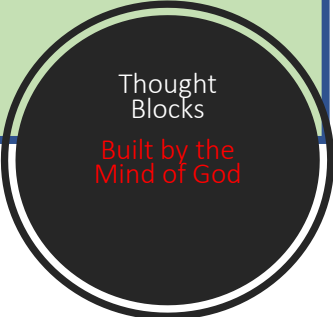


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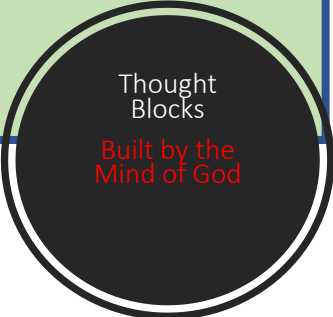
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17 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 18 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 19 He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. 20 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. 21 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.





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