

Heb 12:12 Therefore lift your drooping hands
and strengthen your weak knees,
13 and make straight paths for your feet, so
that what is lame may not be put out of joint
but rather be healed.



The Sabbath Rest

Experiential Christianity

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- 1 JN 4.13-16 : Quad Relationships Galatians

Sabbath Rest



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Study Method



- Methodical Bible Study: Basic & Advanced Step
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- Know by the Knowing Experience

Blood of Christ



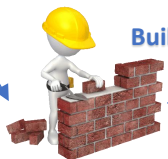
- Incarnate God; Birth God/Man; New Creation
- Reality of the Blood; Human; Man
- Curse/LIFE
- Blood of Old/Blood of New
- Cry of the Heart "Abba Father"; Peace with God
- Experience of LIFE

LIFE



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

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

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

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Silence (Official
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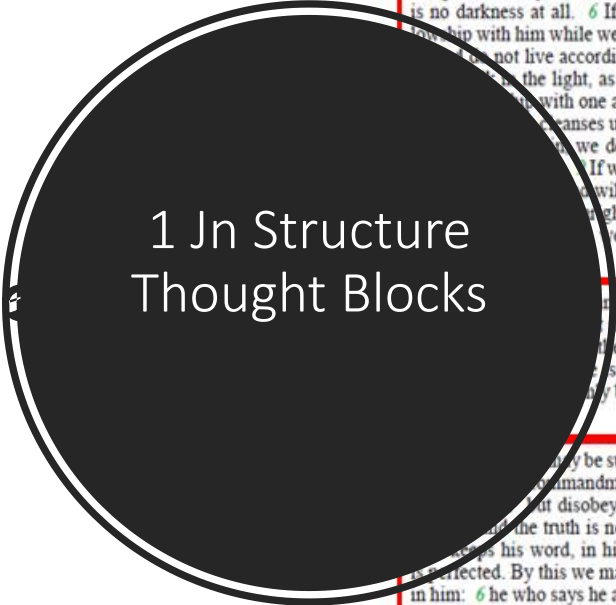
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How Does God
COMMUNICATE
With Us?

Building  Blocks



1 Jn Structure
Thought Blocks

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11 Writing this to you so that you may know that if any one does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Son of God, who is the expiation for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the sins of the whole world. 12 Therefore, if anyone sins, we can write to the Father, and he will give us our sins as righteousness. 13 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and our sin will not be forgiven. 14 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 15 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and our sin will not be forgiven.

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24 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. 25 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. 26 And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

27 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. 28 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

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35 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.

36 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. 37 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.

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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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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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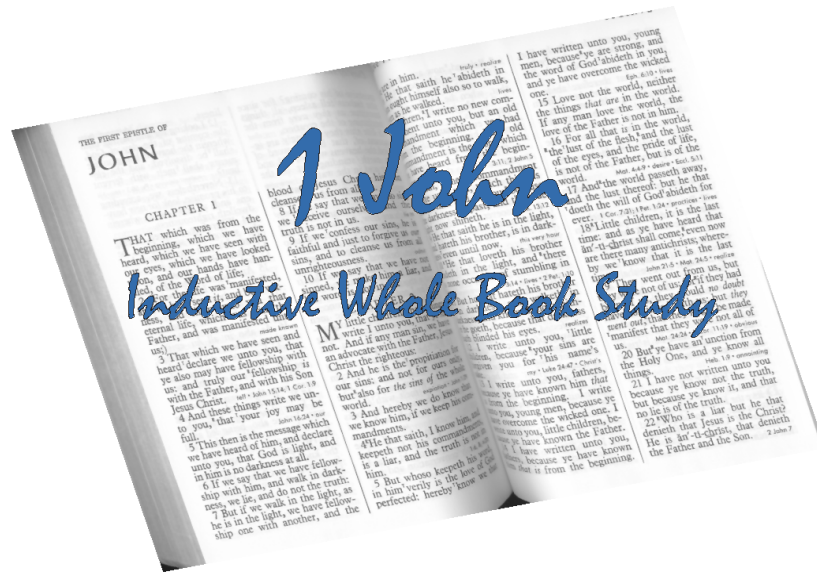
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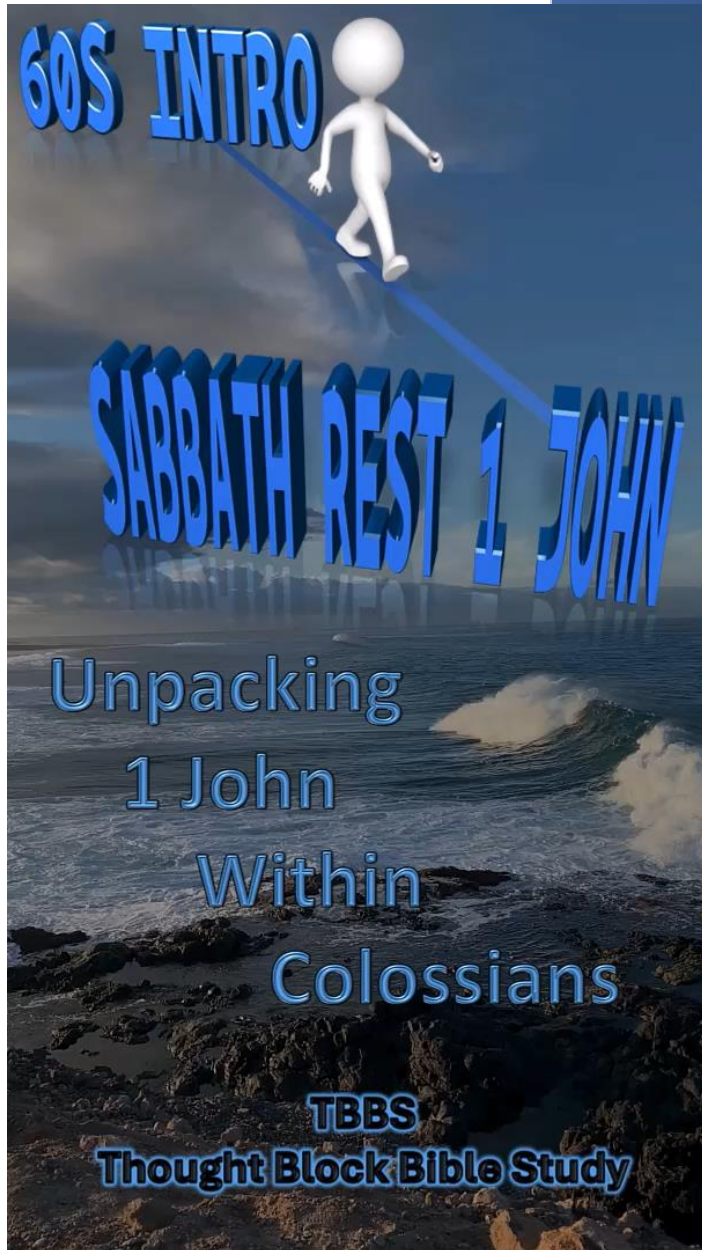
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Unpacking 1 John from within Colossians

SR 230 focuses on a comprehensive Bible study, exploring theological connections between First John chapter 4 verses 13 to 16 and Colossians. The session examines key themes such as the mutual indwelling of God and believers, the role of the Holy Spirit, Christ's sonship and saving work, and the centrality of God's love. Participants are encouraged to deepen their faith, cultivate spiritual discipline, and engage with Scripture actively to mature in their understanding and practice of Christian living. Practical applications include embracing forgiveness, resisting temptation, and fostering genuine Christian fellowship. The study emphasizes the transformative power of abiding in God's love, mutual participation in His life, and the joy of sharing His divine presence while exhorting believers to rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance and maturity in faith.

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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.

Themes

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Main Themes

- 1. Mutual Indwelling**
 - This theme emphasizes the reciprocal relationship between God and believers, rooted in 1 John 4:13–16. God abides in us through His Spirit, imparting divine life and love, while we abide in Him through faith, love, and obedience. This spiritual union highlights both assurance of salvation and a call to live in alignment with God's nature.
 - Colossians deepens this idea by illustrating Christ as the embodiment of God, with phrases like “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).
- 2. Christological Testimony**
 - Christ is presented as the Son of God, Savior of the world, and the visible image of the invisible God. His incarnation bridges the divine and human realms, making reconciliation with God possible.
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- 3. God's Love**
 - Central to the study, God's love is shown as the foundation of the Christian experience. It is revealed in Christ's incarnation, sacrifice, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.
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- 4. Abiding in God**
 - Abiding reflects an ongoing, intimate relationship with God. It involves cultivating spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, meditation on Scripture, and reliance on the Spirit, to remain connected to His life and love.
 - This concept is tied to bearing fruit, as believers are called to manifest the attributes of God's Spirit (e.g., love, joy, peace) in their daily lives.
- 5. Spiritual Growth**
 - Growth is framed as a journey of maturity in faith, marked by transformation in character, increased reliance on God, and the development of spiritual disciplines.
 - The study encourages believers to embrace this process by actively engaging with Scripture, prayer, and fellowship, allowing the Spirit to shape their lives.

Prayer: Our Bible study session SR 230

The themes and prayer focuses provide a structured way for us to engage with the spiritual insights from the session and apply them in their personal prayer life.

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.

Prayer Reference Source Multi-page PDF



SR 230 Prayers

Prayer Topics and Themes with Suggested Prayers

1. Mutual Indwelling of God and Believers

Key Theme:

- The intimate relationship between God and believers, where God abides in us through His Spirit, and we abide in Him through love and faith.

Prayer Points:

- Thank God for the gift of His Spirit and the assurance of His abiding presence.
- Pray for greater awareness of God's indwelling and its transformative power in your life.
- Ask for help to remain rooted in Him and reflect His life in daily actions.

Suggested Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Spirit that assures us of Your presence within us. Help us to grow in awareness of this profound truth, that we may abide in You as You abide in us. Let Your life within us transform our hearts and minds, making us vessels of Your love and grace. Teach us to trust You more deeply and reflect Your presence in all that we do. In Jesus' name, Amen."

2. The Transformative Power of God's Love

Key Theme:

- The centrality of God's love in transforming believers' lives, inspiring them to love, forgive, and serve others.

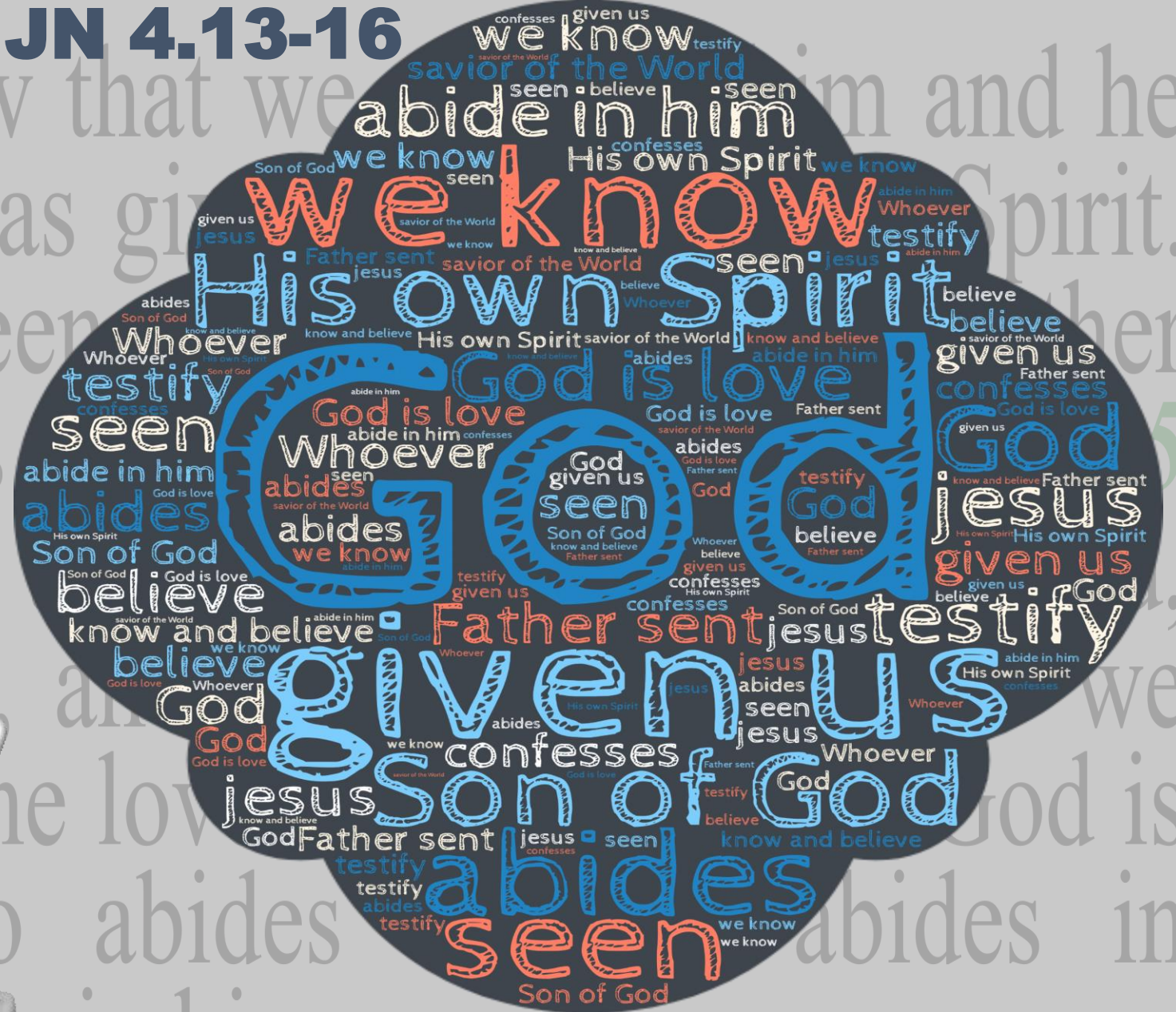
Prayer Points:

- Praise God for His unconditional and abiding love.
- Ask for a deeper experience of His love in your life.
- Pray for the ability to extend His love to others through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and service.

Suggested Prayer:

"Lord God, Your love is beyond comprehension and yet so real in our lives. Thank You for loving us first and calling us into a relationship with You. We pray for a deeper understanding of Your love, that it may transform us and flow through us to others. Teach us to love as You love, to forgive as You forgive, and to serve as Christ served. May Your love shine brightly in our words and deeds. 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, 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—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.

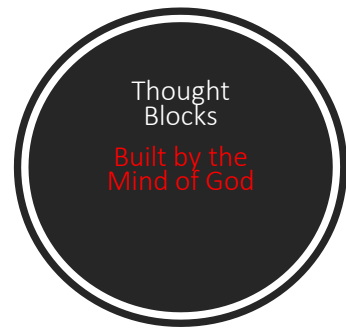
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⁷ Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into 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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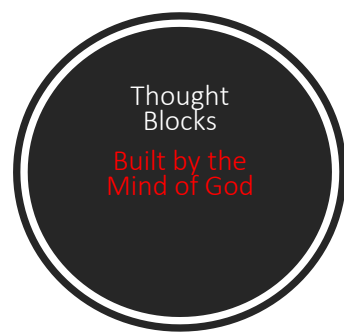
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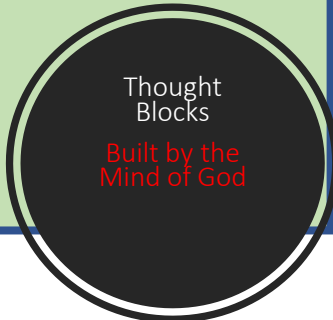


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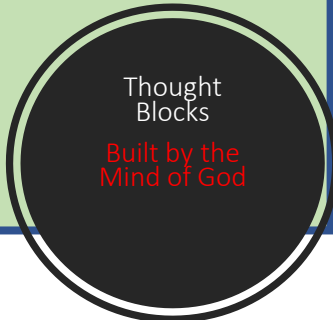
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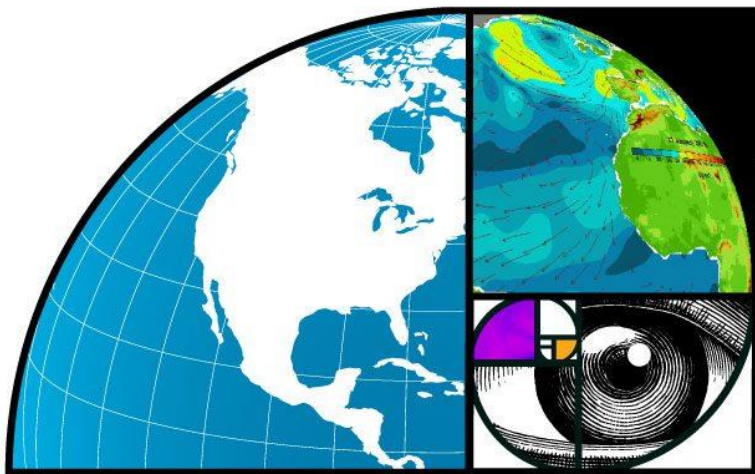


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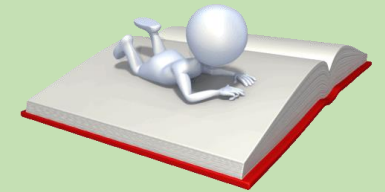
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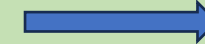


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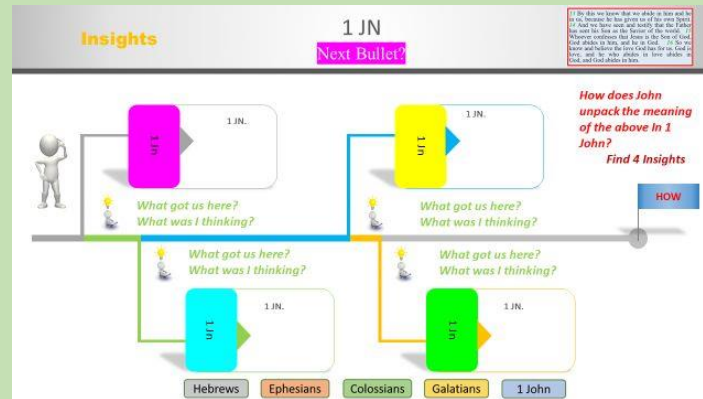
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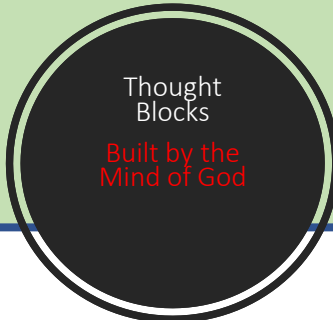
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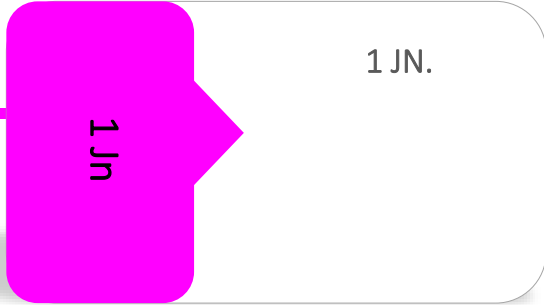
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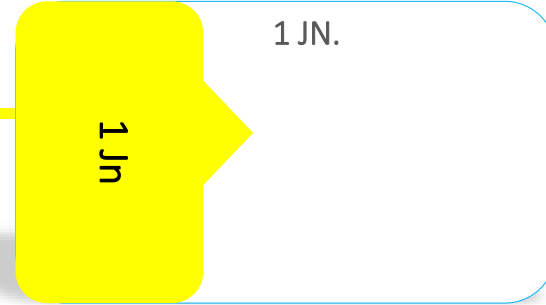
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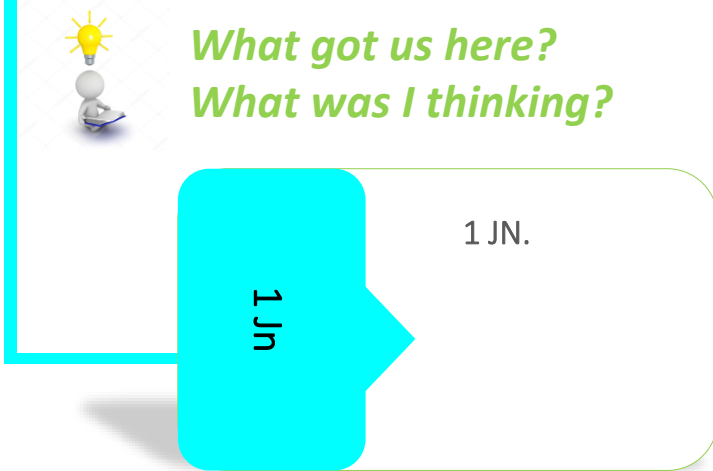
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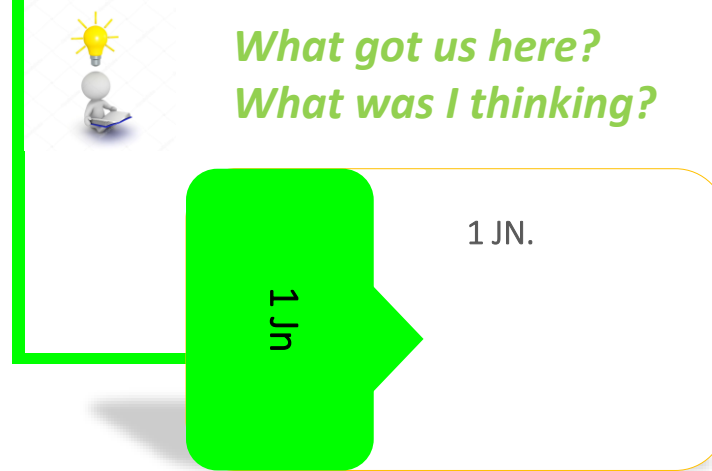
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Please describe how the four bullet points relate to the main topic of the paragraph.

"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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By this we know that we abide



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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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1 John

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.

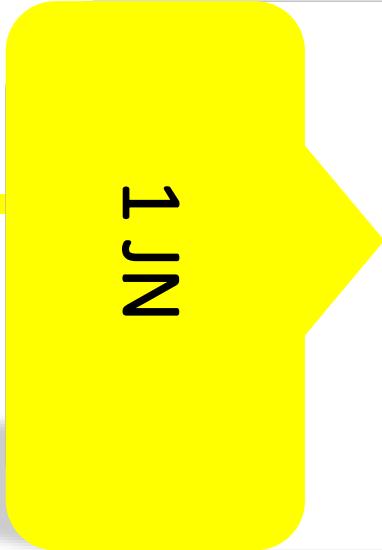
Integration with Themes of Love and Truth The assertion of Jesus as Savior is not isolated but integrated with the overarching themes of love and truth. This integration highlights the transformative power of recognizing Jesus' divine mission, which leads to a life characterized by love and truth.

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

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.

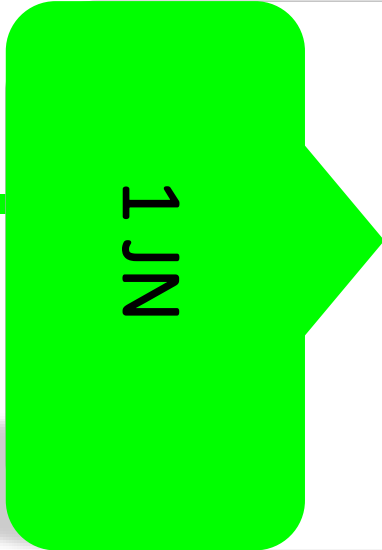
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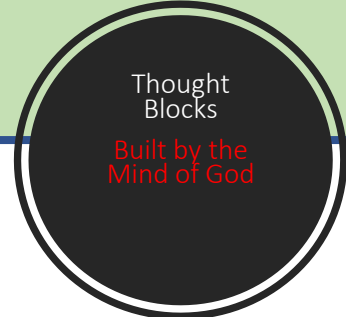
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Prayer Module: Our Bible study session SR 226

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."

4. Testimony and Boldness in Faith

- **Key Theme:** Sharing one's testimony demonstrates God's transformative power and faithfulness. Participants are encouraged to be bold in proclaiming their faith as a witness to others.
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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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Insights Module Panel Studies

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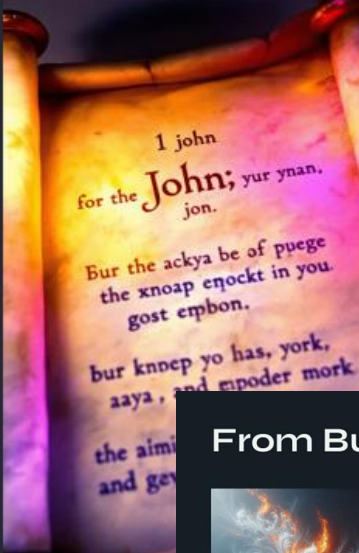


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Prayer Module Panel Studies Medium



Praying Through Themes of Faith

Join us on a journey of prayer, exploring key themes from our faith.
Let's open our hearts to God's transformative love and presence as we
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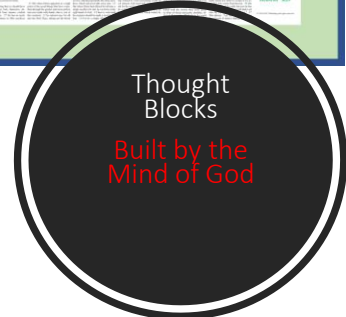
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Quad Relationships Overall Analysis: Our Bible study session SR 227

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SR 227 Quad Relationships Overall Analysis

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Core themes in this passage:

1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit
2. The testimony of Jesus as the Son of God and Savior
3. Confession of faith in Jesus
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Now, let's explore how these themes are developed in the mentioned epistles:

Themes of 1 John 4:13-16 in Pauline Epistles

Exploring core theological concepts in Pauline letters.

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Thematic Confluence: 1 John 4:13-16 and Pauline Epistles

This analysis explores the theological harmony between 1 John 4:13-16 and select Pauline epistles. We examine four core themes: the indwelling Spirit, Christ's divinity, faith confession, and divine love.

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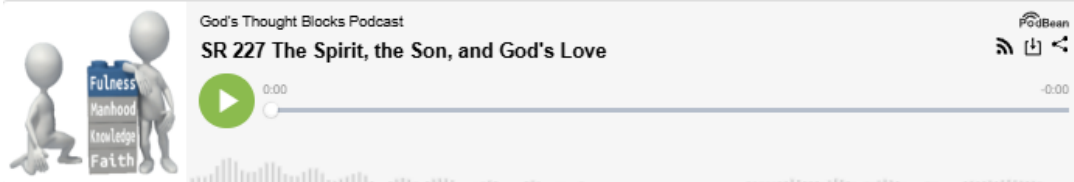
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Theological Analysis of 1 John 4:13-16 and Pauline Epistles

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An analysis of First John 4 Verses 13 to 16 and how its core themes are developed in Hebrews.

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2. The role of the Holy Spirit
3. Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world
4. The importance of confession/belief
5. God's love and its centrality to the Christian faith

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Exploring thematic connections between epistles.

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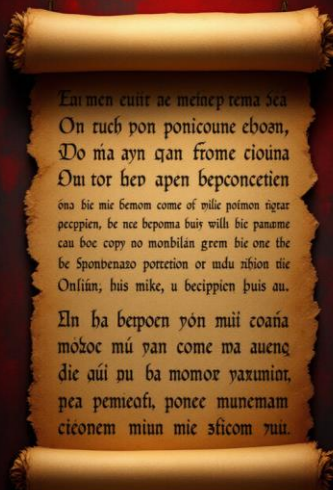
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Echoes of 1 John 4:13-16 in Hebrews

This presentation explores how key themes from 1 John 4:13-16 are developed in the Epistle to the Hebrews. We'll examine parallels in theology, Christology, and soteriology between these two New Testament writings.


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Thematic Parallels: 1 John 4:13-16 and Hebrews

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Key Themes in 1 John 4:13-16

1 John 4:13-16 emphasizes the mutual abiding of believers in God through the Spirit. Key points include:

- **Abiding in God through the Spirit:** The presence of the Spirit confirms the believer's relationship with God (v. 13).
- **Christ as Savior:** Testimony that the Father sent the Son as Savior of the world (v. 14).
- **Confession of Jesus:** Acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God secures God's abiding in the believer (v. 15).
- **God is Love:** Those who abide in love abide in God, for God is love (v. 16).

These verses stress the interconnectedness of love, faith in Jesus, and the indwelling Spirit as the basis of a secure relationship with God.

Corresponding Themes in Ephesians

1. Abiding in God through the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:22)

Ephesians emphasizes the role of the Spirit as a seal and guarantee of salvation. In Ephesians 2:22, believers are described as a dwelling place for God through the Spirit, highlighting a corporate and individual indwelling.

2. Christ as Savior (Ephesians 1:7, 2:13-16)

Ephesians presents Jesus as central to God's redemptive plan, with themes of reconciliation and peace through Christ's blood. Ephesians 2:13-16 underscores Jesus' role in breaking down divisions, offering salvation universally.

Themes in 1 John and Ephesians: A Comparative Analysis

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Exploring 1 John 4:13-16 and Ephesians: Themes of Divine Love and Unity

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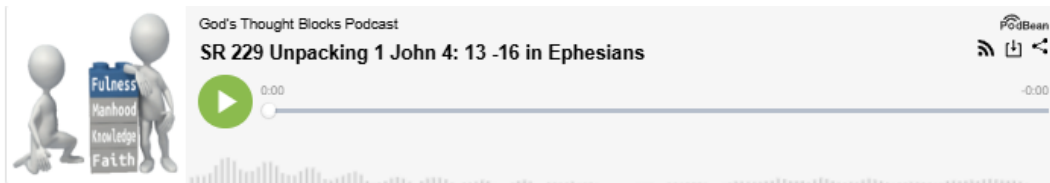
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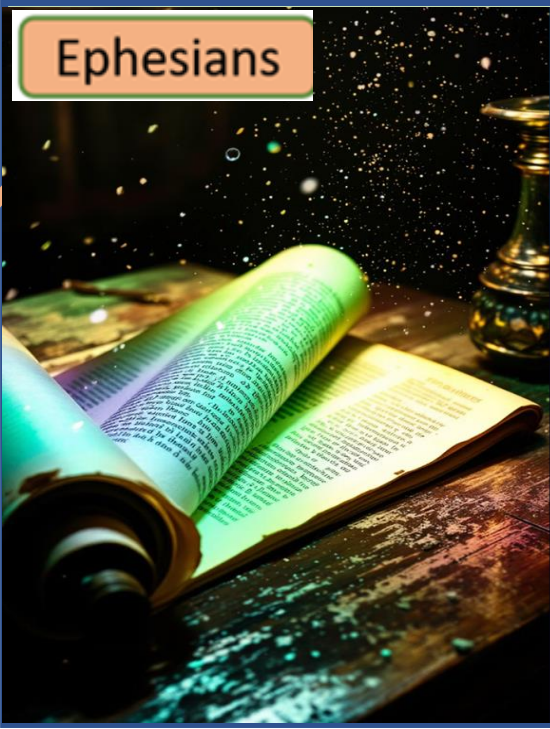
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Quad Relationships Colossians Analysis: Our Bible study session SR 231

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Enhanced Analysis of 1 John 4:13–16 and Its Core Themes in Galatians

Core Themes in 1 John 4:13–16:

1. Abiding in God and Mutual Indwelling:

- The concept of "abiding" reflects a deep, ongoing relationship rather than a mere association with God. In 1 John 4:13, this relationship is made possible through the Spirit, who testifies to and enables this indwelling.
- This indwelling is reciprocal: as believers dwell in God through faith and love, God simultaneously dwells in them, creating a profound unity (v. 15).
- The mutual indwelling also emphasizes the authenticity of the believer's confession that Jesus is the Son of God. This confession is not just verbal but evidence of the transformative reality of God within.

2. The Centrality of Love:

- The passage centers love as the defining characteristic of God: "*God is love*" (v. 16). This statement is both theological (defining God's essence) and ethical (guiding the believer's conduct).
- Love is presented not as an abstract concept but as an active principle that validates one's relationship with God. The act of abiding in love is synonymous with abiding in God, highlighting that love is the visible expression of the invisible God at work in believers.

3. The Witness of the Spirit:

- The Spirit is given as a concrete assurance that believers are in relationship with God (v. 13). This witness is not external but internal, dwelling within believers and confirming their faith through transformation and empowerment.
- The Spirit's role also aligns with the larger Johannine theme of truth, guiding believers to discern God's truth and reject falsehood (cf. 1 John 4:1–6). Thus, the Spirit authenticates both the believer's confession of Jesus and their experience of God's love.



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Echoes of Love: Exploring 1 John 4:13-16 in Galatians

Welcome to an in-depth exploration of the profound themes found in 1 John 4:13-16 and their resonance throughout the book of Galatians. This presentation will uncover the intricate connections between these two important New Testament texts, focusing on the concepts of abiding in God, the centrality of love, and the witness of the Holy Spirit.

As we journey through this analysis, we'll discover how these core themes are not only present in both writings but are also developed and expanded upon in unique ways. This comparative study will provide valuable insights into the theological richness of early Christian thought and its practical implications for believers.

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Abiding in God: A Journey of Faith and Love

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As we delve into these scriptures, prepare your heart to embrace the beauty of mutual indwelling with God, the freedom found in faith, and the holistic view of Christian life that emerges when we synthesize these powerful

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In this scholarly analysis, we'll explore the intricate connections between two pivotal New Testament texts: 1 John 4:13-16 and the Epistle to the Ephesians. Our journey will uncover how these scriptures, though penned by different authors, share profound theological themes that illuminate the nature of God's love, the role of Christ, and the believer's relationship with the Divine.

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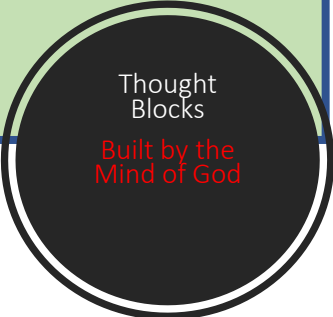
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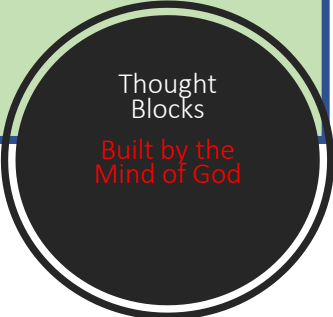
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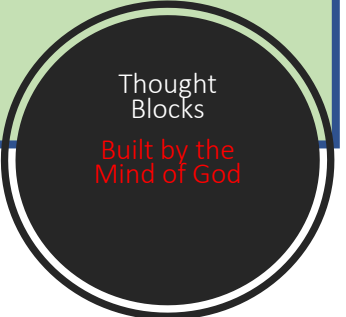
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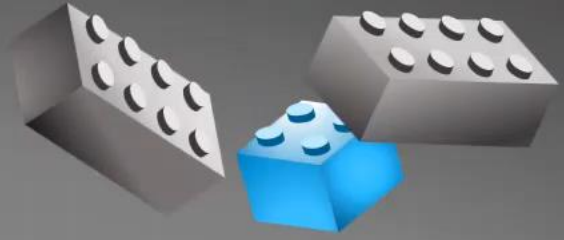
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