



Study Objectives



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The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

- Open
- Web Site Materials
 - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Songs
- Reading
- Forest – Trees - Who We Are
- MacArthur vs N.T. Wright WHY? John's tooling us up.
- Reference: 1 JN 2. 7-11 Structural Diagram
- Q & A

Ga 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (RSV)



Sabbath Rest



Building Blocks of Faith

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

Fellowship of LIFE



Building Blocks of Faith

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

Blood of Christ



Building Blocks of Faith

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

Study Method



Building Blocks of Faith

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

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

Did You Think to Pray?

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1. Ere you left your room this morn - ing,

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Lyrics - Mary A. Kidder (1875)
Music - William O. Perkins (1875)

RITA SPRINGER

This Blood Lyrics

There is a blood that cost a life
Paid my way death its price
When it flowed down from the cross
My sins were gone my sins forgot
There is a grave tried to hide
This precious blood that gave me life
In three days He breathed again

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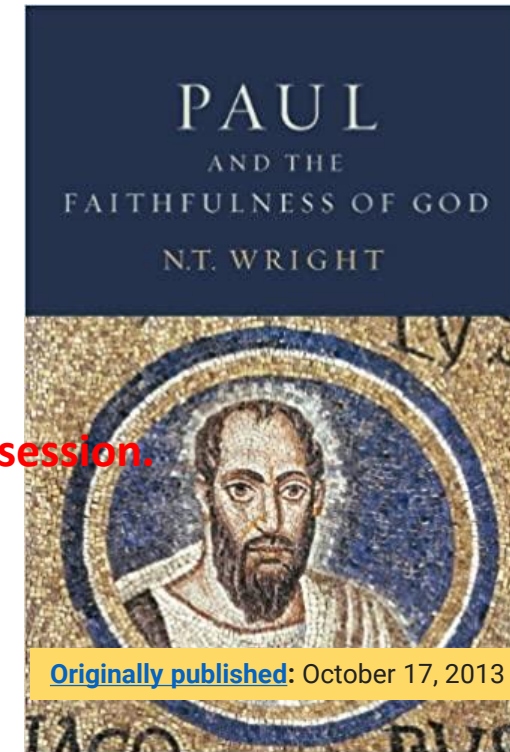
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Great Series of Lectures for Background: Helpful for our Study



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First book comprises Parts I and II and frontmatter

Second book has Parts III and IV plus bibliography and indices. This highly anticipated two-book fourth volume in N. T. Wright's magisterial series, *Christian Origins and the Question of God*, is destined to become the standard reference point on the subject for all serious students of the Bible and theology. The mature summation of a lifetime's study, this landmark book pays a rich tribute to the breadth and depth of the apostle's vision and offers an unparalleled wealth of detailed insights into his life, times, and enduring impact.

Wright carefully explores the whole context of Paul's thought and activity. Jewish, Greek and Roman cultural, philosophical, religious, and imperial. He shows how the apostle's worldview and theology enabled him to engage with the many-sided complexities of first-century life that his churches were facing. Wright also provides close and illuminating readings of the letters and other primary sources, along with critical insights into the major twists and turns of exegetical and theological debate in the vast secondary literature. The result is a rounded and profoundly compelling account of the man who became the world's first, and greatest, Christian theologian.

Reading the Epistle

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5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we 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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

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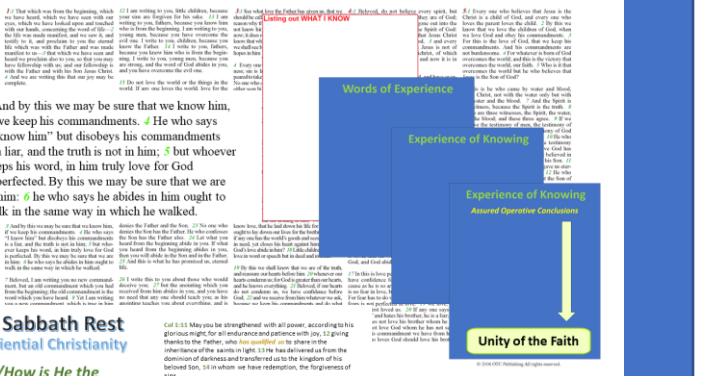
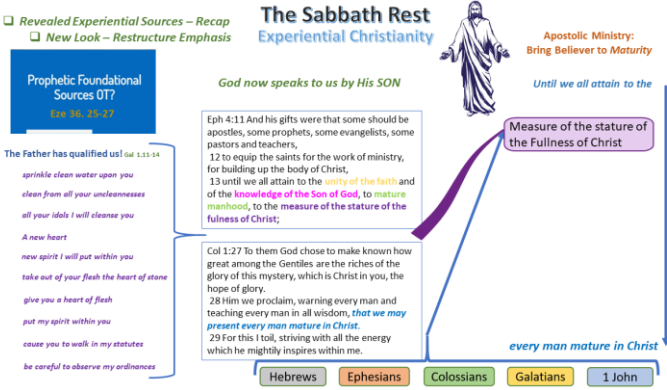
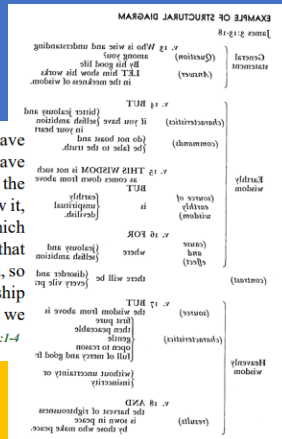
Tool Box

- Reading the Epistle
- Paragraph Flip-Bk Memorize Q&A
- Structural diagram
 - Grammar Analysis
 - Meanings, relationship, Primary/Secondary Phrases
 - Thought Block development
 - Charting Modules
 - General Kipling Chart
 - Chart Unity of the Faith, knowledge, etc.
 - Aspects of Experiential 'know'
 - Faith Challenges
 - Context, Development and Thought Block

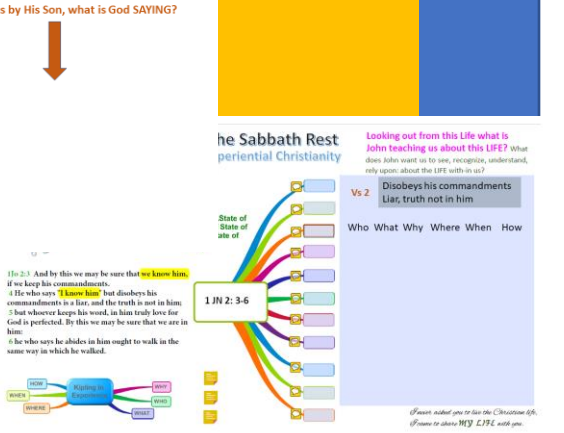
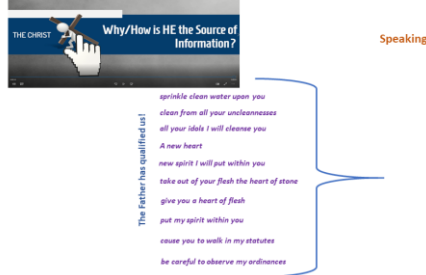


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Who? What? Why? Where? When? How?



The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity
Why/How is He the Source of Information?



Thought Blocks Built by the Mind of God

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

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

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**Not SIN
Advocate for Faith/Belief**

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**Love for God PERFECTED
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Whoever commits sin is guilty of lawlessness. 5 You know that he who practices the law, in him there is no sin. 6 He who abides in him sins; no one who sins has seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, and he who does not is of the devil. 8 He who commits sin is of the devil; he who does not sin has seen the Son of God who appeared to destroy the devil. 9 He who is born of God does not sin, because his nature is born of God, and he who does not sin is the child of God. 10 He who practices the law of the devil is the child of the devil; whoever does not do this is not of the devil; whoever does not do this is not of the devil who does not love his brother.

This is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not 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 were good. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world has hated us; for he who hates the world hates the one who loved the world, because we love the brethren. He who loves the world 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 that he who practices the law has given us his life for us; and we shall love one another. 17 But as the world's goods and sees his brother's heart closing against him, how does he love him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or speech but in deed and in truth.

we shall know that we are of the truth, and our hearts before him. 20 whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he will forgive us everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts condemn us, we have confidence before God, because we receive from him whatever we ask. 22 We keep his commandments and do what he commands us. 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 He who keeps his commandments abides in him, and the Father abides in him, and by this we know that he abides in the Spirit which he has given us.

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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, so that we may have confidence and be able to appear before God, and he who loves his brother abides in the love of God, and he who does not love his brother has not seen the Son of God who came in the flesh. 8 He who practices the law of love is the one who has made marriage true. 9 The love which we have for one another might be perfect, so that we might love one another and not be afraid. 10 The love which we have for one another is the love which we have for God, and he who loves his brother abides in the love of God, and he who does not love his brother has not seen the Son of God who came in the flesh. 11 The love which we have for one another is the love which we have for God, and he who loves his brother abides in the love of God, and he who does not love his brother has not seen the Son of God who came in the flesh. 12 No one who loves his brother has seen the Father, and he who has seen the Father has made his love known to the world. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he abides in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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

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15 Do not let anyone deceive you in this. If anyone does not have these things written in the book of prophecy, and if anyone does not receive testimony from these things, the blessing of God and the Father of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, abides in him.

18 Children, hear that an antichrist has come into the world; it is the last hour, and many deceivers are in the world who will deny the Lord who sent Jesus Christ the Son of God. Do not let anyone who does not have this teaching enter your homes, and do not greet him. Whoever greets him who shares in his deeds shares in his work.

19 But you know the teaching that Jesus Christ came in the flesh; if anyone denies this, let God judge him. Blessings on those who do not receive the teaching of the false prophets, and peace on them. Thus the Father and the Son who have come in the world, and the Spirit of truth, who is in the world, will glorify him. 20 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father who has promised us, eternal life. 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.

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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.

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

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that one is to pray for that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal. 18 We know that any one born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world is in the power of the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

What? We Are?

Child of God Of the truth

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 2 I am writing to you, little children, because
 3 And by this we may be sure that we know him,
 4 He who says
 5 but who-
 6 he who says he abides in him ought to
 7 Beloved, I am writing you no new
 8 Yet I am writing
 9 He who
 10 He who loves his brother
 11 But he who hates his brother is in
 12 Who is the liar
 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him
 14 And this is what he has promised us, eternal
 15 And this is what he has promised us, eternal
 16 I write this to you about those who would
 17 but the anointing which you
 18 And now, little children, abide in him, so that
 19 If you know that he is righteous, you may be
 20 And we know that the Son of God has come
 21 Little children, keep yourselves

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 4 For whatever is born of God
 5 Who is it that
 6 he who has not the Son of God
 7 I write this to you who believe in the name
 8 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.
 9 We love, because he first loved us.
 10 If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother,
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19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth
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 hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts,
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 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
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 we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
 and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
 24 All who keep his commandments abide in him,
 and he in them. And by this we know that he abides
 in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

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our sins are forgiven for his sake. 13 I am
writing to you, fathers, because you know him
who is from the beginning, who was with the
Father, and who came in the flesh. 14 Who
denies the Son of God, who does not receive
the testimony of Jesus Christ who came in the
flesh, that one is the deceiver and the
denier of God; he who does such things will
bring his own share of punishment. 15 Who
loves the world, the love of the Father is not
in him; whoever does not love the Father who
has sent the Son, does not love the Son who
has been sent by the Father. 16 Whoever
denies the Son of God, the Father who has
sent him, punishes him; he who receives the
testimony of the Son of God, God abides in
him, and he who sends the Son, abides in the
Father and the Son. 17 Whoever does not
love the Father who has sent the Son, does
not love the Son who has been sent by the
Father. 18 Whoever hates the brother who
has received the testimony, he who hates
him who has received the testimony, does not
keep his love; whoever does not keep his
love, he 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
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abides in him ought to walk in the same way
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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.

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

10 But you have heard that he has promised us, eternal
life. 11 And you all know. 12 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.
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is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who
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19 And now, little children, abide in him, so that
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If you know that he is righteous, you may be
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his commandments. And his commandments are
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overcomes the world; and this is the victory that
has overcome the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that
overcomes the world but he who believes that
the Son of God?

6 Who 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
true, 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
do not have the testimony of men, the testimony
of God is greater; for this is the testimony of
God that has borne witness to his Son. 10 He
who testifies in the Son of God has the testimony
of himself. He who does not believe God has
made himself a liar, because he has not believed
in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. 11
The testimony of the Spirit is the testimony, that
God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his
Son. 12 He who testifies that the Son of God
has not come, he who has not the Son of God
in himself, does not have the love of God, and
therefore does not have the life of God.

13 I write this to you who believe in the name
of the Son of God, that you may know that you
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which we have in him, that if we ask anything
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know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we
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ting what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and
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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 hears the testimony of the Son of God has the testimony of God in himself, and he who does not hear the testimony of the Son of God does not have the testimony of God in himself. He who hears the testimony of the Son of God has the testimony of God in himself, and he who does not hear the testimony of the Son of God does not have the testimony of God in himself.

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What? Do I have?

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 right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

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Structural Diagram: 1 JN 2. 7-11

9 He who says
he is in the **light**
and
hates his brother *Repeat*
is in the **darkness** still.

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10 He who **loves his brother**
abides in the **light**,
and
in it there is no cause for stumbling.

Series

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Contrast 11 But he who **hates his brother** *Repeat*
is in the **darkness**
and
walks in the **darkness**,
and
does not know where he is going,
Reason because *Why* *What*
the **darkness** has blinded his eyes.
How

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John's use of '**light/darkness**'
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Development
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