

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Study Objectives



- Open
- Web Site Materials
 - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Songs
- Reading
- N.T. Wright WHY? Use/Value/Balance.
- Study Tools : Darkness
- Q & A

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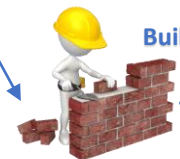
The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

Sabbath Rest



Ephesians 1:16–18. “I have not stopped thanking God for you. And, I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.”

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.*

He's My King

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Verse 1



I have a Friend di - vine, walk - ing with me,



mak - ing my path - way shine, might - y is He;

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Key - Db Major



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Christ

The Faith

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Now What?





- **The question is: Value & Utility of External (outside the Scriptures) sources.**

- *NT Wright*

- **The question is: The Holy Spirit's use of 1 JN.**

- *Where's the Beef?*

- **The question is: Summary of Practice.**

- *Walk as He walks*

Reading the Epistle

1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—**2** the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—**3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

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

2:1 My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2** and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. **8** Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. **9** He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. **10** He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. **11** But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. **13** I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. **14** I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. **21** I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. **22** Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. **24** Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. **25** And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

26 I write this to you about those who would deceive you; **27** but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one born of God commits sin; for God’s nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. **10** By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

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

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

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

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

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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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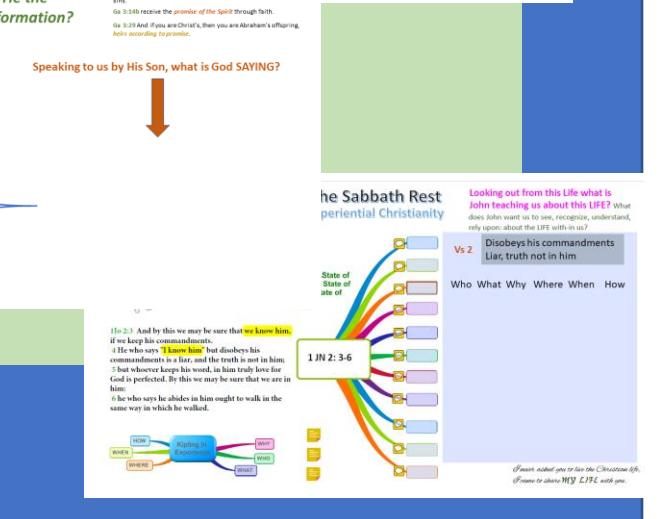
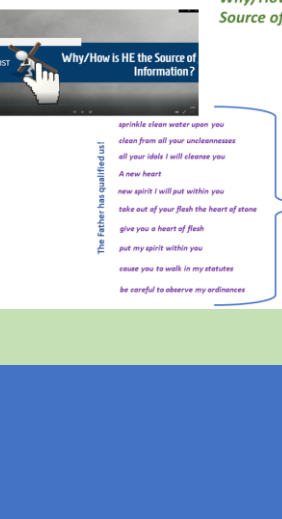
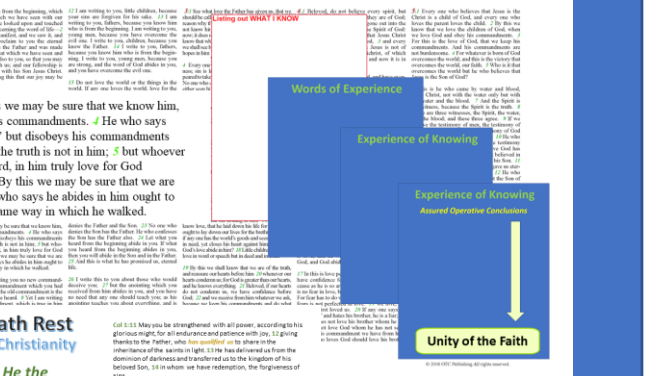
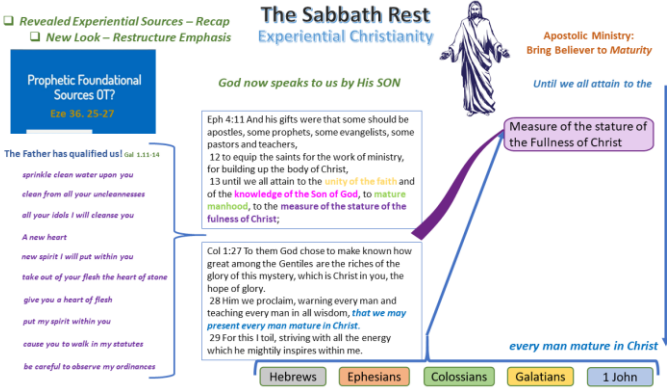
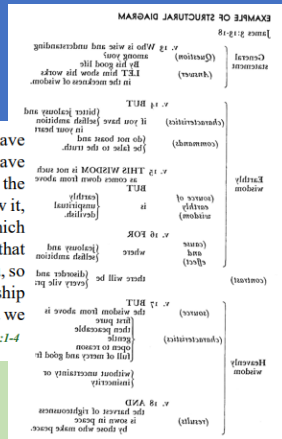
Tool Box

- 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?



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**

18 Children, do not let anyone deceive you in this: the one who denies that Jesus Christ came in the flesh is the deceiver and the antichrist. **19** Therefore, if anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not receive him, do not greet him; **20** anyone who greets him shares in his works.

**Not SIN
Advocate for Faith/Belief**

22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Son who has heard from the Father and proclaimed to the world. **23** Anyone who denies the Son, the Father who sent him, is cut off from all that the Father has done and will do. **24** Anyone who receives him, who receives the wages of his works.

**Love for God PERFECTED
I KEEP I ABIDE I Walk**

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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.

Structural Diagram: 1 JN 2. 7-11

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Emphatic 8 Yet I am writing you

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the **true light** is already shining.

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is in the **darkness** still.

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10 He who loves his brother

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and
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Contrast 11 But he who **hates his brother**
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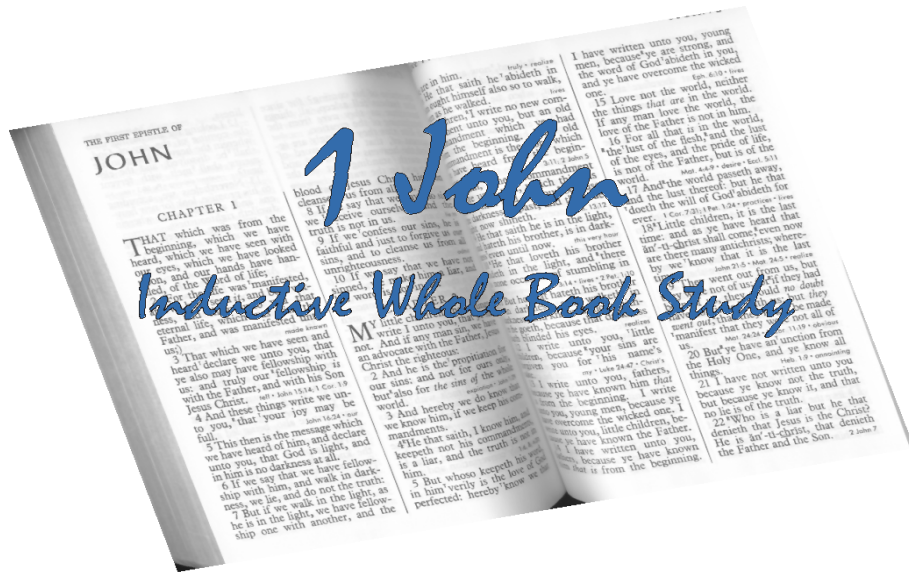
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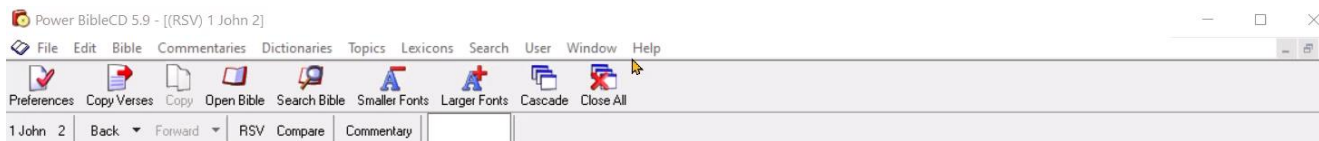
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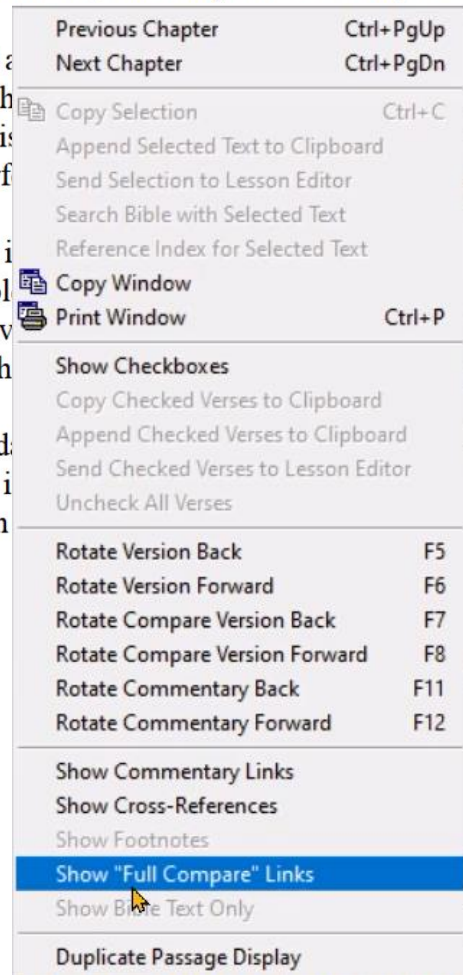


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1 ¶ My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
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 3 ¶ And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
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 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected, and he who loves God is in him who loves him, and he who loves him who has loved us to perfection.
 6 he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he has seen the Father walk.
 7 ¶ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard from the beginning.
 8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him who has loved us, and by which we know that he has come into the world and 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 and walks in the darkness, and his destiny is death.
 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no darkness at all.
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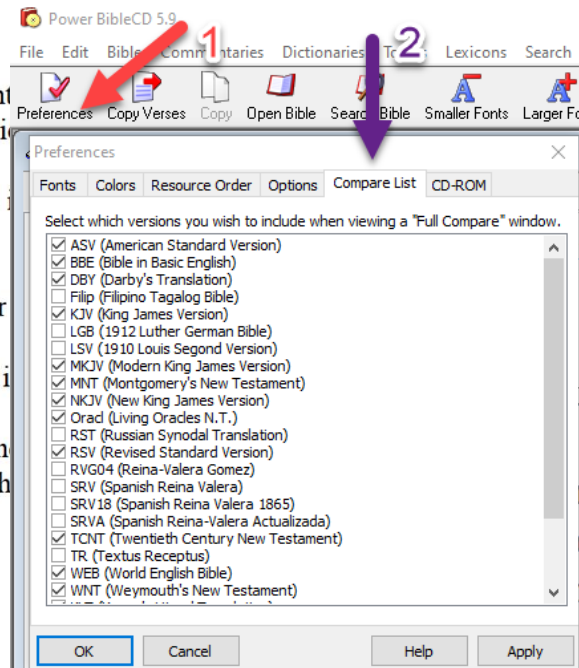
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Compare: 1Jo 2:9

ASV	He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now.
BBE	He who says that he is in the light, and has hate in his heart for his brother, is still in the dark .
DBY	He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in the darkness until now.
KJV	He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
MKJV	He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in darkness until now.
MNT	He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness even until now.
NKJV	He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.
Oracl	He who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother, is in the darkness till now.
RSV	He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still.
TCNT	He who says that he is in the Light, and yet hates his Brother, is in the Darkness even now.
WEB	He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now.
WNT	Any one who professes to be in the light and yet hates his brother man is still in darkness.
YLT	he who is saying, in the light he is, and his brother is hating, in the darkness he is till now;
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Key Word Compare Translations

Note Words that differ for meaning modifications

Word List: darkness; night

Compare: 1Jo 2:8

ASV	Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth.
BBE	Again, I give you a new law, which is true in him and in you; for the night is near its end and the true light is even now shining out.
DBY	Again, I write a new commandment to you, which thing is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light already shines.
KJV	Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.
MKJV	Again, I write a new commandment to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true Light now shines.
MNT	Yet again it is a new commandment which I am writing to you, which is true in him and is you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.
NKJV	Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.
Oracl	On the other hand, I write to you a new commandment, which is true concerning him and concerning you. For the darkness is passing away, and the light, which is true, now shines.
RSV	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.
TCNT	Yet, again, it is a new Command that I am writing to you-- manifest in Christ's life and in your own--for the Darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining.
WEB	Again, I write a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shines.
WNT	And yet I *am* giving you a new command, for such it really is, so far as both He and you are concerned: because the darkness is now passing away and the light, the true light, is already beginning to shine.
YLT	again, a new command I write to you, which thing is true in him and in you, because the darkness doth pass away, and the true light doth now shine;
NAS95	On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining.
NASB	On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.
NIV	Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.
NRSV	Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.



Key Word Compare Translations

Note Words that differ for meaning modifications

Word List: darkness; dark

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Key Word Compare Translations

Note Words that differ for meaning modifications

Word List: darkness; dark

Compare: 1Jo 2:11

ASV	But he that hateth his brother is in the darkness, and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes.
BBE	But he who has hate for his brother is in the dark, walking in the dark with no knowledge of where he is going, unable to see because of the dark.
DBY	But he that hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and knows not where he goes, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
KJV	But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.
MKJV	But he who hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because darkness has blinded his eyes.
MNT	But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and is spending his life in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
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RSV	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.
TCNT	while he who hates his Brother is in the Darkness, and is living in the Darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the Darkness prevents his seeing.
WEB	But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
WNT	But he who hates his brother man is in darkness and is walking in darkness; and he does not know where he is going--because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
YLT	and he who is hating his brother, in the darkness he is, and in the darkness he doth walk, and he hath not known whither he doth go, because the darkness did blind his eyes.
NAS95	But the one 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.
NASB	But the one 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.
NIV	But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.
NRSV	But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

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.

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

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, every God-child

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4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. **10** By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 not life.

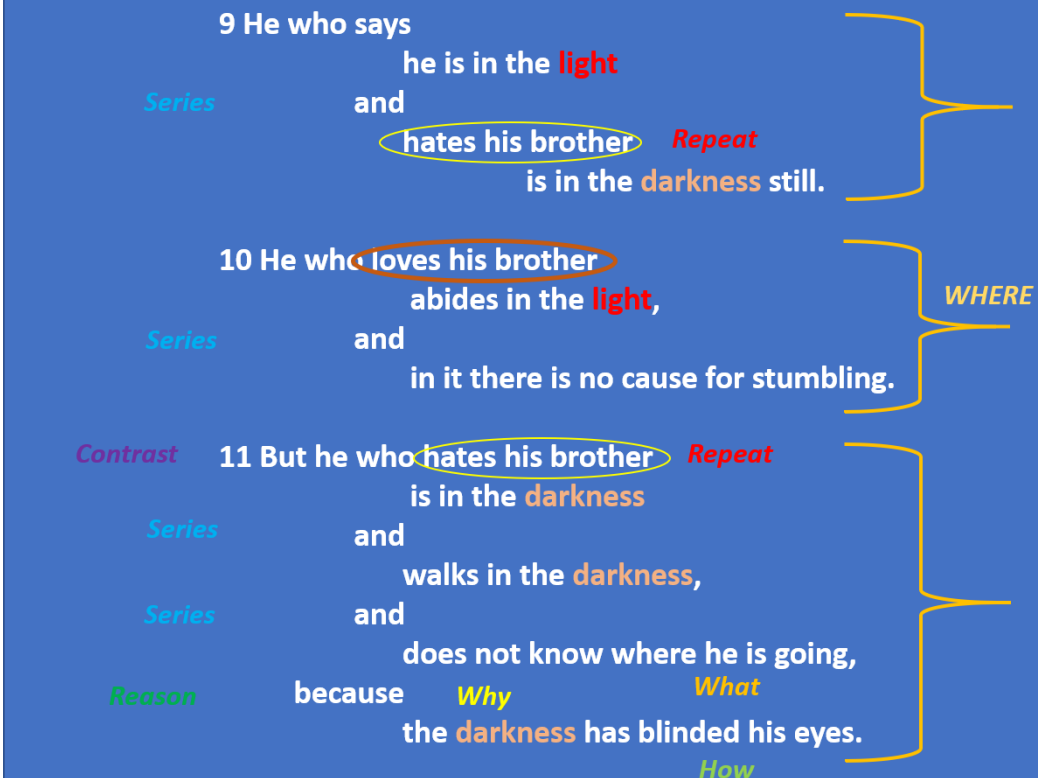
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See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children if we do what we see that when he appears we shall be like him, for all who see him as he is. 3 And every one who thus practices will receive the Father's love and will have fellowship with him and will be purified himself as he is pure.

Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; lawlessness is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and 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 us not be deceived by the lawless; he who does right is righteous, he who does not do right is lawless. 8 He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning; for this reason the Son of God appeared to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God will commit 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 born of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another 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 were righteous. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world has persecuted 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 the love, that he laid down his life for us; and we should 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 his love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

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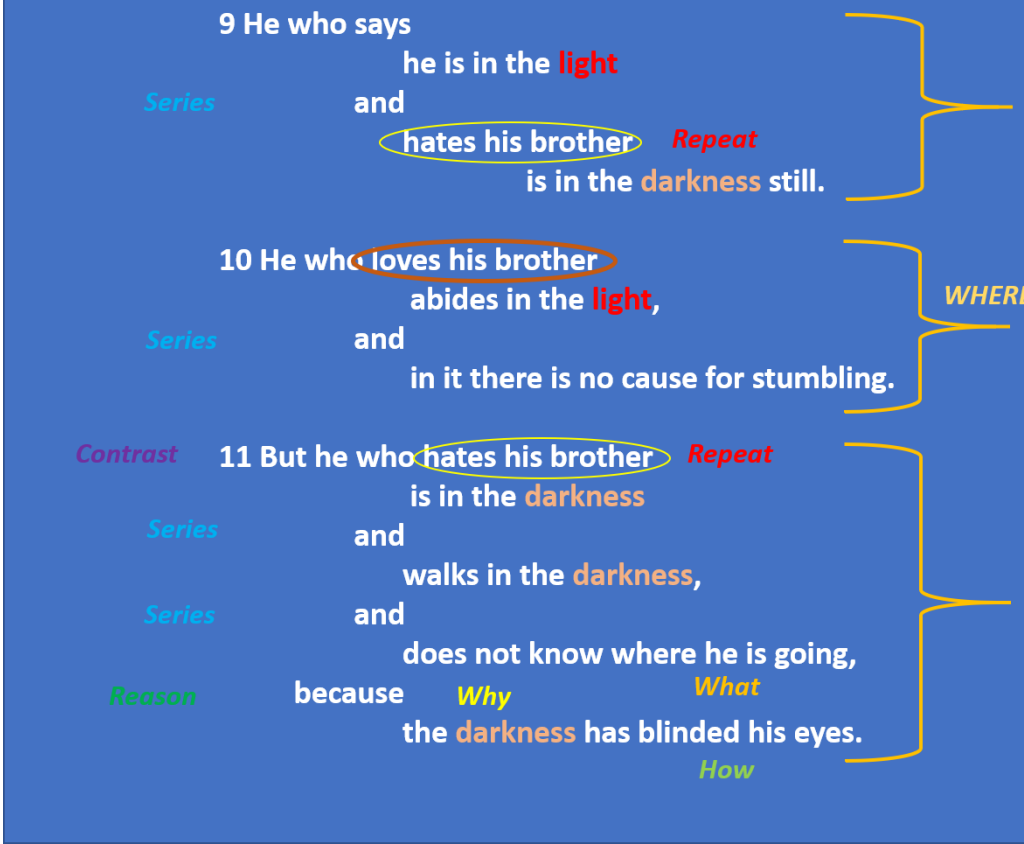
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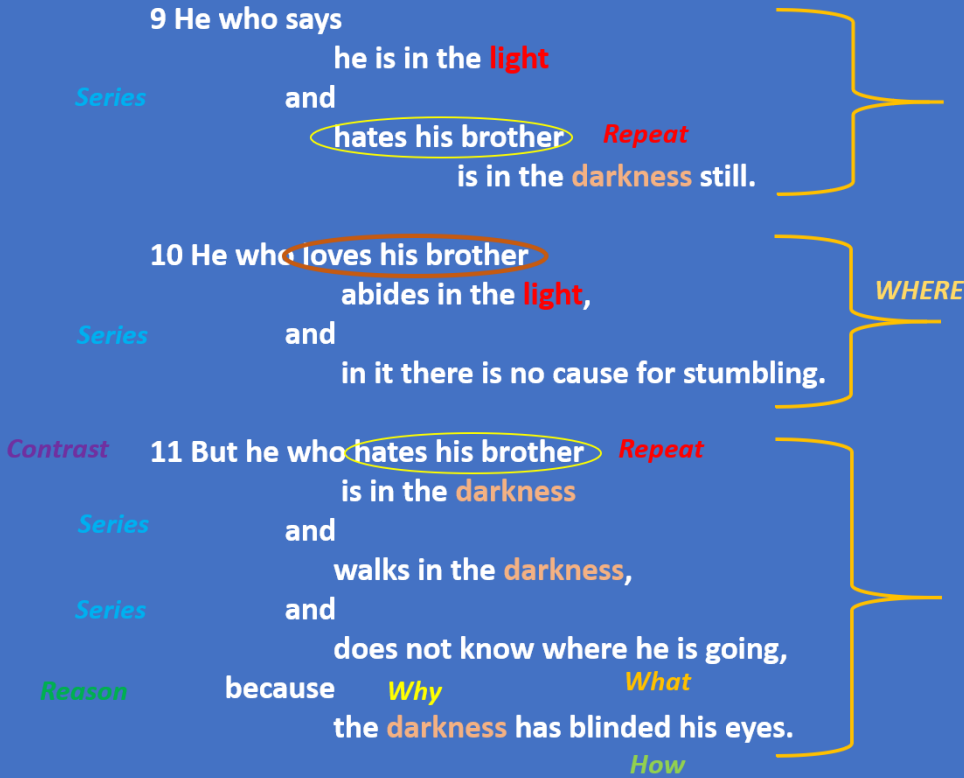
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101 Noun Strong's Number: c4653 Greek: skotia

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(b) of secrecy, in general, whether what is
done therein is good or evil, Mat 10:27;
Luk 12:3;

(c) of spiritual or moral "darkness,"
emblematic of sin, as a condition of moral
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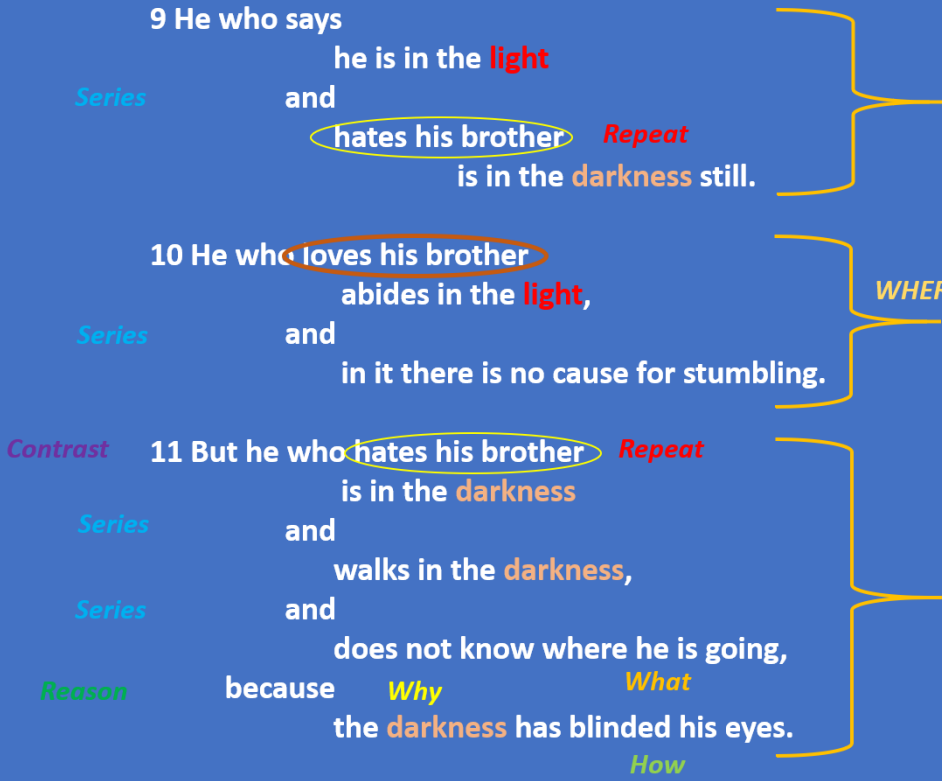
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zophos (Strong's #2217) Gloom

achlys (Strong's #887) Mist

Because skotos is the most frequently used and most inclusive word, it has attracted much attention. Skotos is used often in the New Testament, but not in the Septuagint. skotia (Strong's #4653), from the common dialect. Skotos is distinguished from skotos (#5457), as the profoundly pathetic words of Ajax in Euripides' *Phaëssa*:

Gnophos correctly is regarded as a later Doric form of dnoφος. Gnophos is used only once in the New Testament (*Hebrews 12:18*) with zophos, though it is used elsewhere in this same way (*Exodus 10:22; Deuteronomy 4:11; Zephaniah 1:16*). Early English translators apparently felt that gnophos included an element of tempest, as the following translations show: "mist" (Wycliffe and Tyndale), "storm" (Cranmer), "blackness" (Geneva and authorized Version), "whirlwind" (Rheims), and the turbo (storm) in the Vulgate. Our ordinary lexicons indicate such a force only slightly or not at all, though it was distinctly recognized by Pott, who gave as explanatory equivalents the German *Finsternis* (darkness), *Dunkel* (absence of light), and *Wirbelwind* (tornado). Along with the best modern scholars, Pott understood nephos (Strong's #3509), gnophos, and zophos as a group of words that have much in common and that are, perhaps, merely different forms of what once was a single word.

Zophos is used three times in the New Testament (*2 Peter 2:4; 2 Peter 2:17; Judges 1:6*) or four, if we accept it in *Hebrews 12:18* (as it seems we should). Zophos is not used in the Septuagint. Zophos, which may be seen as a kind of emanation of skotos, first refers to the twilight gloom that broods over the regions of the setting sun. And usually in Homer, when zophos is used in this sense it occurs with *eeoios* (the cloudy). But zophos means more than this. There is an even darker darkness, the sunless underworld, the *nigra Tartara* (darkness of Tartarus) of Virgil, the *opaca Tartara* (shaded Tartarus) of Ovid, and the *knephaia Tartarou bathē* (dark depths of Tartarus) of Aeschylus. Zophos also can refer to the sunless world itself, though more usually it refers to the gloom that envelops it. In Egyptian mythology, Ahriman was born from the zophos just as Ormuzd was born from the light. The appropriateness of the New Testament use of zophos is apparent, since it always signifies the darkness of that shadowy land where there is no light but only visible darkness.

Achlys is used only once in the New Testament (*Acts 13:11*) and never in the Septuagint. Galen defined achlys as something that is more dense than omichle and that is less dense than nephos. The single New Testament use of achlys attests to the accuracy of Luke's choice, as so often is the case in his selection of words, especially medical terms. Luke used achlys to refer to the mist of darkness (*achlys kai skotos*) that fell on the sorcerer Elymas as the outward and visible sign of the inward spiritual darkness that was his temporary portion as a punishment for resisting the truth. All the translations of our English Hexapla translate achlys by "mist," with the exception of the Rheims, which uses "dimness." The Vulgate correctly translated achlys as *caligo* (mist, fog). Although Luke's use of the term in Acts is separated by nearly a thousand years from its use in Homer, the meaning of achlys remained unchanged. In the *Odyssey*, when the poet describes the responsive darkness that comes over the sea when it is overshadowed by a dark cloud, he uses the verb *achlyein*. Homer used achlys to refer to the mist that clouds the eyes of the dying or in which the gods (for one cause or another) may envelop their favorites.

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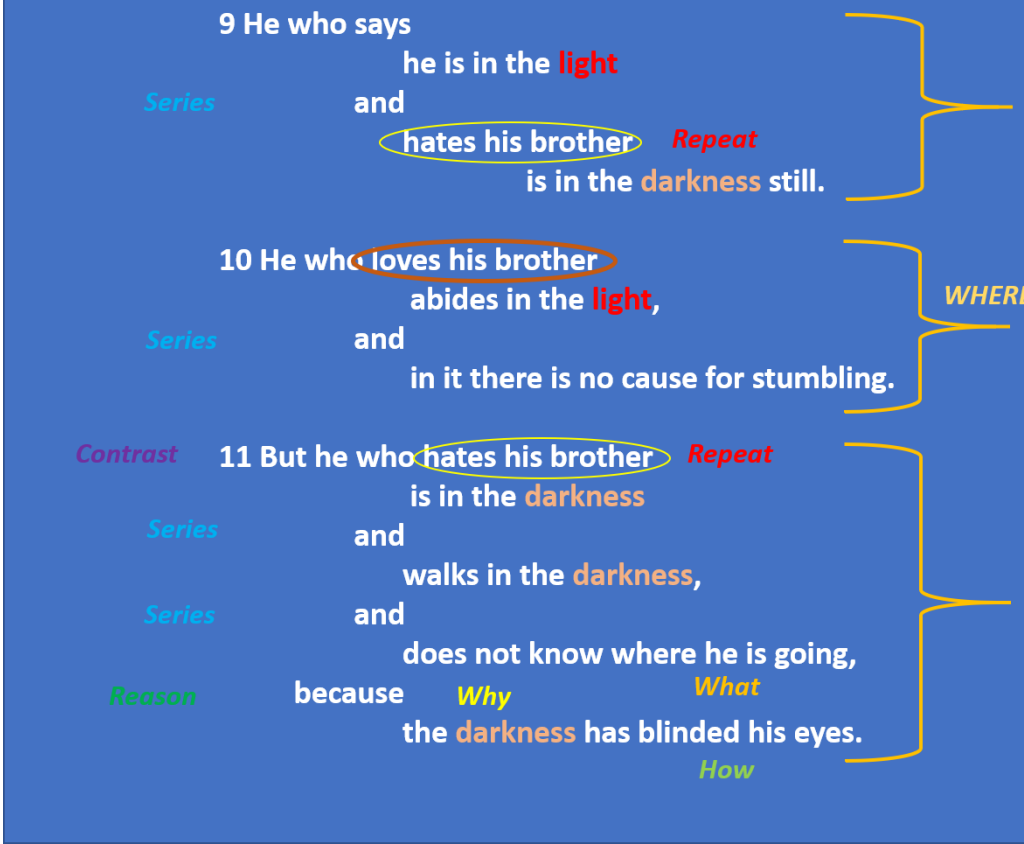
you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he does not sin, we shall not sin, because he is true, and he who is true does not sin. **16** And if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **17** All wrongdoing is sinful, but not all sin is mortal. **18** I do not say that I will sin; but if I do sin, I do not know how to pray, because I do not have the Father who hears me. **19** All wrongdoing is sinful, but not all sin is mortal.

any one born of God does not sin, because he who sins is not of God, and he who does not sin is born of God. **20** And we know that he who sins is of the devil, because the devil sins from the beginning. **21** Therefore, if we see a brother who has committed such a sin, we do not receive him into our house, and do not greet him. **22** Whoever receives him who receives the wages of his works. **23** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who does not sin, but who sins, his sin is not mortal; he will ask, and he will be forgiven. **24** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who sins, and his sin is not mortal, he will ask, and he will be forgiven. **25** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who sins, and his sin is mortal, he will ask, and he will not be forgiven. **26** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who sins, and his sin is mortal, he will ask, and he will not be forgiven. **27** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who sins, and his sin is mortal, he will ask, and he will not be forgiven. **28** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who sins, and his sin is mortal, he will ask, and he will not be forgiven. **29** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who sins, and his sin is mortal, he will ask, and he will not be forgiven. **30** Therefore, if anyone has seen a brother who sins, and his sin is mortal, he will ask, and he will not be forgiven.

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For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life—does not come from the Father, but from the world. 15 The world is deceiving the whole world; and because of this, the punishment of the world will come upon all who love the world. 16 If anyone sees his brother who does not abide in the teaching of the Son of God, who is not coming into the world, do not greet him; do not bid him goodnight; do not shake hands with him, nor receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 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. 22 If anyone does not have these things, he will not see the Father and the Son who have come into the world, and he will not have their love. 23 If anyone greets you in this way, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 24 If anyone greets you in this way, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 25 And this is what he has promised us, eternal life, and he who does these things will bring his own shame on himself. 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. 30 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not receive him, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 31 If anyone greets you in this way, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 32 If anyone greets you in this way, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 33 If anyone greets you in this way, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 34 If anyone greets you in this way, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight. 35 If anyone greets you in this way, do not receive him into your house, nor bid him goodnight.

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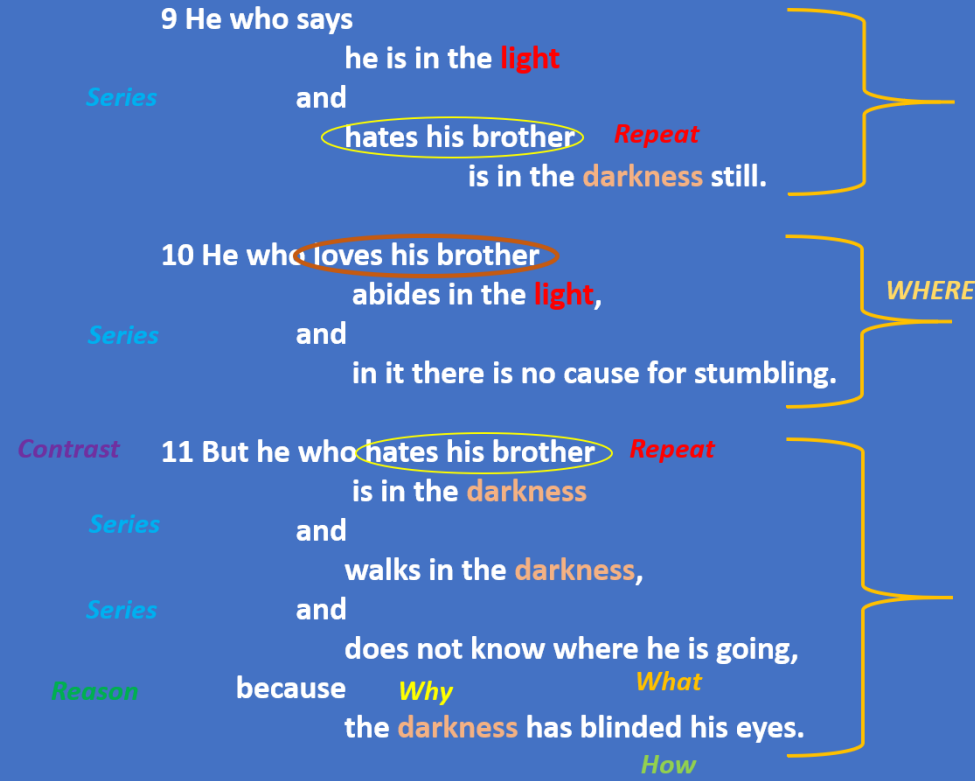
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19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before 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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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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[Ro 1:21](#); [Eph 2:1-3](#); [4:22](#); [Col 3:7](#); [1Pe 4:3](#)

18 they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart;

[Ac 26:18](#); [Ro 1:21](#); [Ga 4:8](#); [Eph 2:12](#); [1Th 4:5](#)

19 they have become callous and have given themselves up to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of uncleanness.

[Ro 1:24,26](#); [1Ti 4:2](#); [1Pe 4:3](#)

20 You did not so learn Christ!--

21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. [Eph 1:13](#)

11 ¶ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands-- *Eph 2*

12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth.

19 ¶ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

20 Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse;

21 for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened.

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural,

27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameful acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a base mind and to improper conduct.

29 They were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity,

they are gossips,

30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

32 Though they know God's decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them but approve those who practice them.

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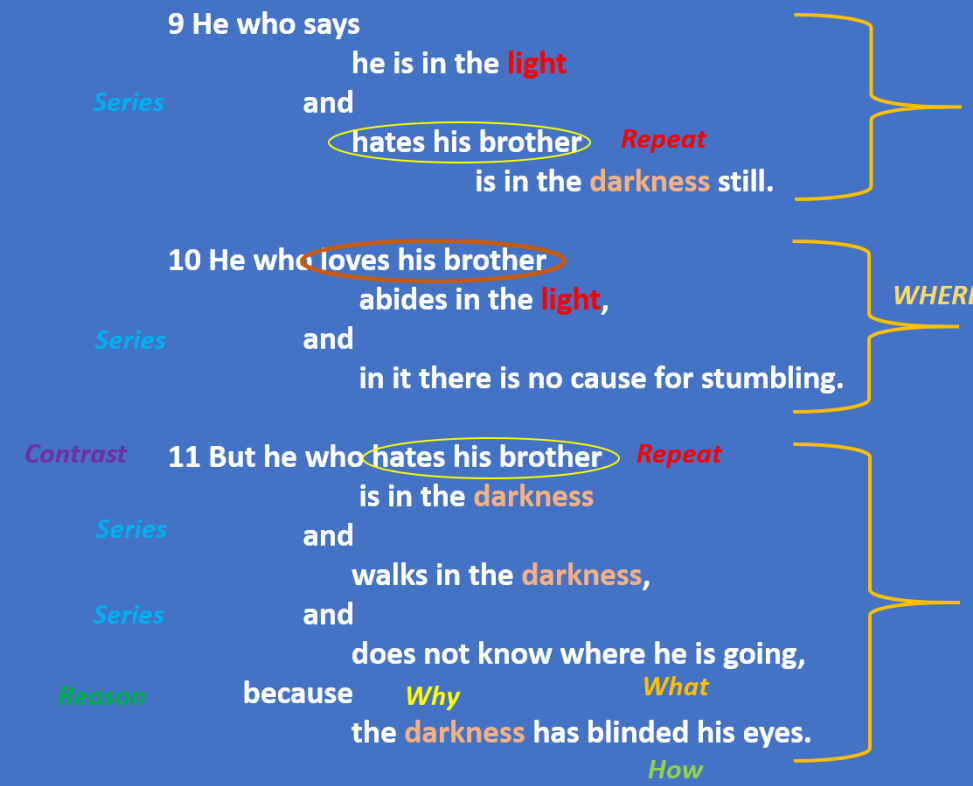
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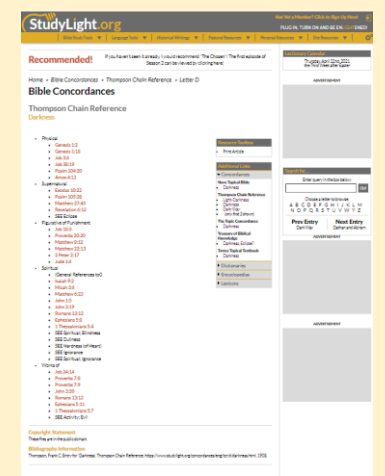
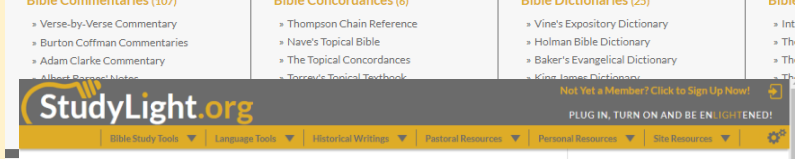
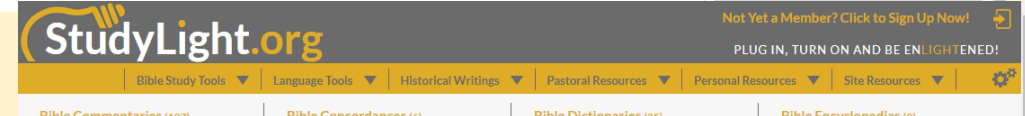
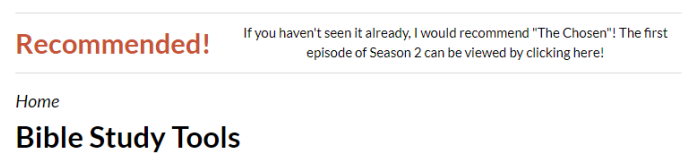
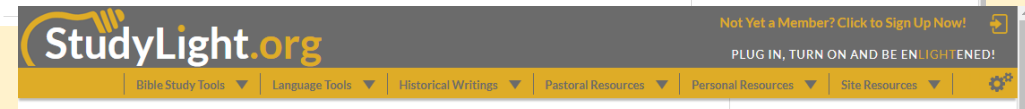
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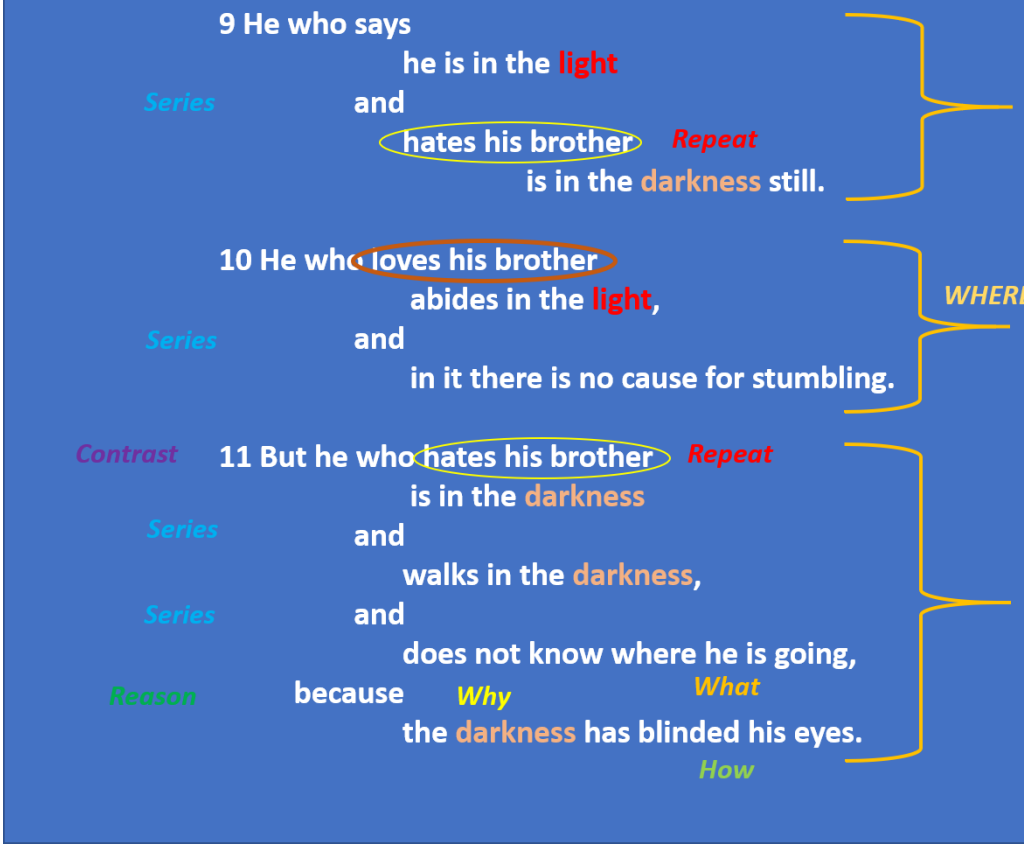
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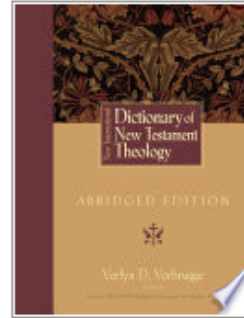
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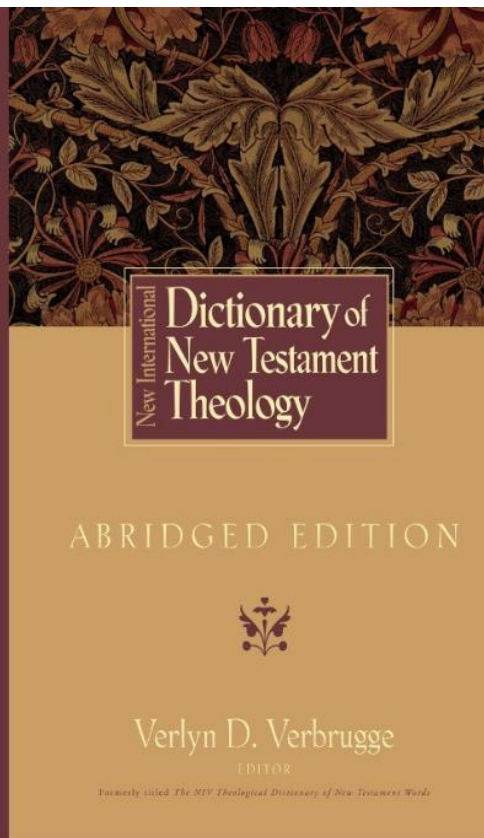
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σκότος (*skotos*), darkness, gloom (5030); σκοτία (*skotia*), darkness, gloom (5028); σκοτόω (*skotoō*), darken (5031); σκοτίζομαι (*skotizomai*), darken (5029); σκοτεινός (*skoteinos*), dark, obscure (5027).

CL & OT 1. Both *skotos* and *skotia* mean essentially the same: darkness, gloom. Likewise, *skotoō* and *skotizomai* mean darken, become dark. Darkness applies primarily to the state characterized by the absence of light. Uses of the word concentrate on the effect of darkness on humanity. In the dark humans grope around uncertainly, since their ability to see is limited. They may not know which way to turn. Thus, darkness appears as a place of danger and anxiety. Since all anxiety ultimately derives from the fear of death, the ominous character of darkness culminates in the darkness of death, which no one can escape. Darkness is therefore also Hades, the world of the dead.

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ways of life and behavior. They can describe one's seclusion or obscurity. They can also indicate the secrecy, furtiveness, or deceitfulness of one's activity, as well as one's lack of enlightenment, insight, and knowledge.

2. In Gnosticism, darkness becomes an independent force, seen as the unlimited ruler of the earthly world. In contrast to this world of darkness shines the transcendent world. Humanity has been endowed with a soul, coming from a spark of light. By means of *gnōsis* (knowledge) people can attain to enlightenment; *agnoia*, ignorance, keeps one from salvation. The contrast between the world of light and of darkness results in a call to *metanoia*, repentance (conversion), the decision to turn from the darkness of the earth-bound and bodily to the light and life.

3. The key to the OT view of light and darkness is faith in God as Creator, who stands above both. He is not only the Lord of light; darkness also bows before him. Darkness is first mentioned in connection with the primeval chaos (Gen. 1:2). God creates both light and darkness (Isa. 45:7), and he causes day to follow night (Ps. 104:20; Amos 5:8; cf. Gen 1:4–5, 18). In his saving activity he can make use of darkness, as when he sent darkness on Egypt (Exod. 10:22; Ps. 105:28).

The fact that God is Lord over darkness does not automatically diminish the threat of this force hostile to humankind. Darkness is a symbol of limitation, restraint, and affliction (Isa. 9:1 = LXX 9:2). Humans belong to this sphere by nature (8:22; cf. 60:2). Even the righteous are exposed to the terrors of darkness (Job 19:8; 30:26; Ps. 88:6). When people separate themselves from God by disobedience, darkness remains (107:10–11). Conversely, God illumines the darkness for those who fear him. Those who walk through the valley of deep darkness need not fear (Ps. 23:4; cf. 112:4; Isa. 50:10; Mic. 7:8), for darkness is not dark to God (Ps 139:11–12) and to those led by him (Isa. 42:7, 16; 49:9).

God promises that the people who walk in darkness will see a great light (Isa. 9:2). But sinners, who hide themselves from the light of God (29:15), are heading for that day when God will bring the darkness of sin into the light (Job 12:22) and hold a terrible judgment (34:23–24). Hence the prophets proclaim that the day of Yahweh will not be, as the people expect, a day of joy for Israel but rather a day of darkness and calamity (Joel 2:2, 10; Amos 5:20; 8:9)—unless they repent (Joel 2:12–17). Eschatological darkness means the final and eternal destruction of the faithless and disobedient.

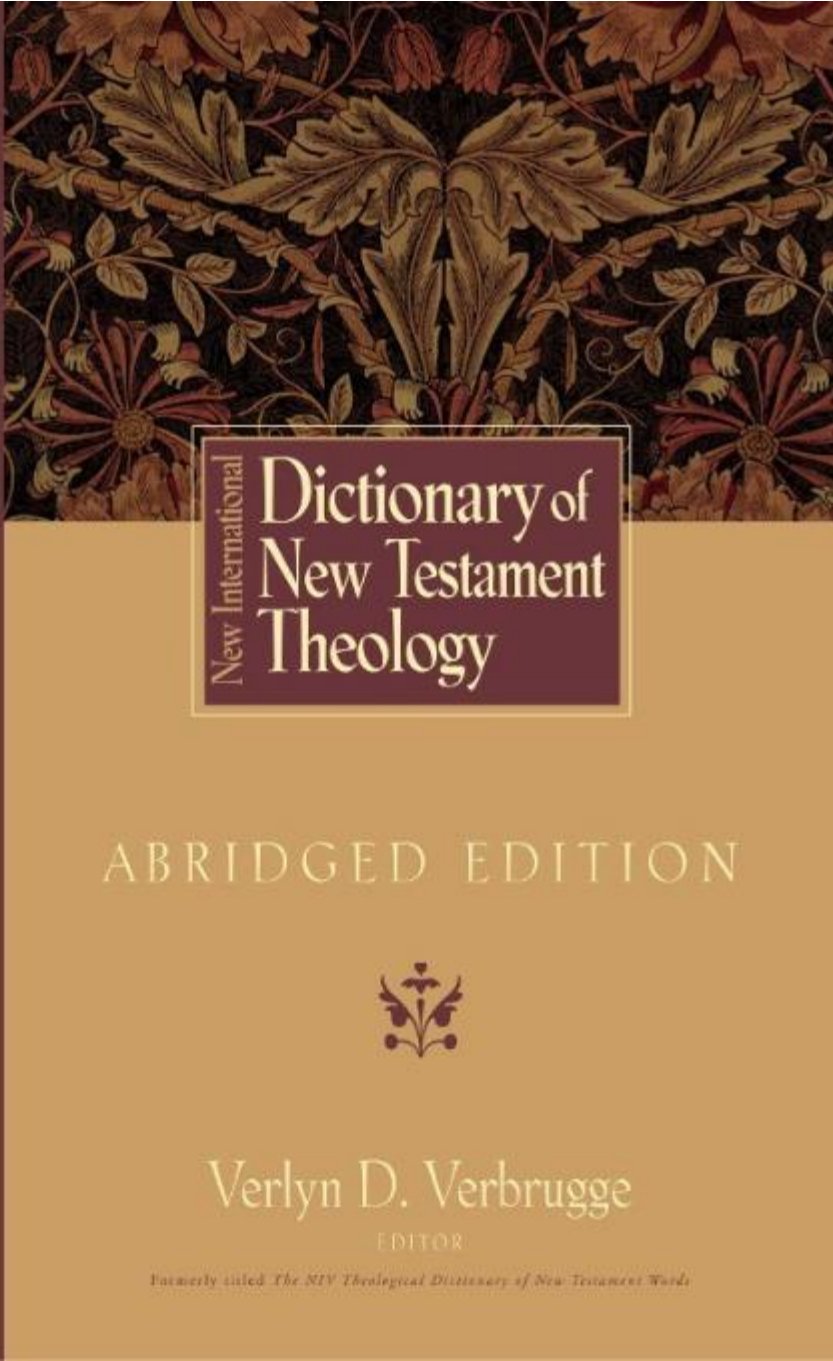
4. Later Jewish writings develop the concept of eschatological darkness and damnation in the world beyond (cf. *Jub.* 5:14; *1 Enoch* 17:6; 63:6; 108:11–14). The purpose of such teaching is to bring about enlightenment and a decision to follow the way of light. Qumran lit. frequently refers to humanity caught in the tension between light and darkness. Darkness seeks to lead them astray, but they can extricate themselves from the power of darkness by deciding to enter the covenant as a child of light.

NT 1. The NT uses the word darkness in a lit. sense to indicate time in connection with night setting in or departing (Jn. 6:17; 20:1). Metaphorically but without negative allusion attaching to night, *skotia* and *phōs* (light) are used in Matt. 10:27 and Lk. 12:3.

2. The *skotia* word group connotes a clearly negative sense in those passages that contrast a sound eye in a body full of light with an evil eye in a body full of darkness (Matt 6:22–23; Lk 11:34–36). At Jesus' arrest (22:53) and still more in his hour of death (Matt. 27:45; Mk. 15:33; Lk. 23:44), the power of darkness gave the impression of having won a victory. But at Easter the divine power of light triumphed once and for all over the satanic powers of darkness. It is in the light of this victory that darkness is mostly seen and evaluated in the NT.

3. The natural abode for human beings is in darkness. People live in darkness (cf. Isa. 9:2, quoted in Matt. 4:16) and cannot avoid the darkness of death (Lk. 1:79). In this sphere the power of Satan holds sway (Acts 26:18; cf. Eph. 6:12), which impels humans to do the evil works of darkness (Jn. 3:19; Rom. 13:12; Eph. 5:11); "their foolish hearts [are] darkened" (Rom. 1:21). This includes Jews, whose strict adherence to the law can cause them to become blind leaders of the blind (Matt. 8:12; 15:14; cf. Rom. 2:19). In fact, darkness can be so dominating that Paul writes that the Ephesians once *were* darkness (Eph. 5:8).

4. Darkness is not, of course, a power equal with God. He is in control of it; for example, he blinded the magician Bar-Jesus by a word of the Spirit spoken by Paul (Acts 13:11). Just as in creation, God now causes light to shine in human hearts out of darkness (2 Cor. 4:6). He is Lord over darkness, a lordship displayed above all in Jesus Christ, whom he has sent into the world to call his people out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Pet. 2:9), into the kingdom of the Son of his love (Col.



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This theme is particularly prevalent in John, who often uses the metaphor of light and darkness. Thus in the prologue of his Gospel he writes: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (Jn. 1:5, cf. NIV note). Light and darkness are mutually exclusive elements (cf. 2 Cor. 6:14), and we must make a decision for one or the other, for God or against him—or to be more precise, for Jesus Christ, who is “the light of the world” (Jn. 12:46; cf. 8:12). Those who believe in him (12:46) and follow him no longer walk in darkness (8:12).

5. It is not enough merely, however, to confess allegiance to the light with one’s lips. No one can have fellowship with God and at the same time walk in darkness; such people are liars (1 Jn. 1:6). Refusal to love others means living in darkness (2:9–11; cf. Jn. 12:35). Such people have not understood that darkness is passing away and that the one true light is already shining (1 Jn. 2:8).

For those people who stubbornly reject the light, who refuse to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, and who perform the works of darkness—here false teachers come in for special mention (2 Pet. 2:17; Jude 13)—a day of deepest darkness is coming, God’s judgment. On that day the Lord will “bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s hearts” (1 Cor. 4:5). Such people will be cast out into the gloomy place of eschatological destruction (cf. Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30).

This judgment is expected at the second coming of Christ, which will be accompanied by manifestations of darkness, when “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light” (Matt. 24:29; Mk. 13:24; cf. Isa. 13:10; Ezek. 32:7). Thus, Paul can strongly exhort Christians to watchfulness and soberness in the light of the Parousia, which will suddenly overtake them (1 Thess 5:4–6).

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