

FIRST JOHN

We Are Announcing To You What We Have Personally Witnessed Concerning The Word of Life

1:1 *That*-which was from *the* beginning, *that* which we have heard, *that* which we have seen *with* our eyes, *that* which we looked-*at* and our hands touched, concerning the word of life—²indeed life was made-known! And we have seen and are testifying and are announcing *to* you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made-known *to* us!—³*That*-which we have seen and heard we are announcing also *to* you so that **you** also may have fellowship with us. And indeed our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.⁴ And **we** are writing these *things* in order that our joy may be full.

The Message We Heard Is That God Is Light

⁵And this is the message which we have heard from Him and are declaring *to* you: that God is light, and there is not any darkness in Him.

If We Walk In The Light And Confess Our Sins, Jesus Cleanses And Forgives Us

⁶If we claim that we have fellowship with Him and are walking in the darkness, we are lying and not doing the truth. ⁷But if we are walking 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. ⁸If we claim that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we are confessing our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim that we have not sinned, we are making Him *a* liar and His word is not in us.

Jesus Is Our Advocate With God. We Know That We Know Him If We Keep His Commands

2:1 My little-children, I am writing these *things* *to* you in order that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have *an* advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ *the* Righteous. ²And He Himself *is* *the* satisfaction for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world's. ³And by this we know that we have come-to-know Him: if we are keeping His commandments. ⁴The *one* claiming that “I have come-to-know Him” and not keeping His commandments *is* *a* liar, and the truth is not in this *one*. ⁵But whoever is keeping **His** word, truly the love of God has been perfected in this *one*. By this we know that we are in Him: ⁶the *one* claiming to be abiding in Him ought just as that *One* walked also himself thus to be walking.

If We Are Loving One Another, We Are Abiding In The Light

⁷Beloved, I am not writing *a* new commandment *to* you, but *an* old commandment which you had from *the* beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard. ⁸*Yet*-again 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. ⁹The *one* claiming to be in the light and hating his brother is in the darkness until now. ¹⁰The *one* loving his brother is abiding in the light, and there is no cause-of-falling in him. ¹¹But the *one* hating his brother is in the darkness, and is walking in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness blinded his eyes.

I Am Writing To You Because of What Has Already Happened In Your Life

¹²I am writing *to* you, little-children, because *your* sins have been forgiven you for-the-sake-of His name. ¹³I am writing *to* you, fathers, because you have known the *One* from *the* beginning. I am writing *to* you, young-men, because you have overcome the evil *one*.

I Wrote To You Because of Who And What You Already Know

¹⁴I wrote *to* you, children, because you have known the Father. I wrote *to* you, fathers, because you have known the *One* from *the* beginning. I wrote *to* you, young-men, because you are strong *ones*, and the word of God is abiding in you, and you have overcome the evil *one*.

So Don't Love The World Or Pursue Its Desires. The One Doing God's Will Abides Forever

¹⁵Do not be loving the world, nor the *things* in the world. If anyone is loving the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶Because everything in the world— the desire of the flesh, and the desire of the eyes, and the boastful-pride of life— is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing-away, and its desire. But the *one* doing the will of God abides forever.

Children, Antichrists Have Arisen

¹⁸Children, it is *the* last hour. And just as you heard that *the* Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen— from which we know that it is *the* last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they were not of us. For if they had been of us, they would have remained with us. But *they went out* in order that they might be made-evident that they all are not of us.

You Have God's Anointing And You Know The Truth. Let It Abide In You And You In It

²⁰And **you** have *an* Anointing from the Holy *One*, and you all have-knowledge. ²¹I did not write *to* you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that every lie is not from the truth. ²²Who is the liar if not the *one* denying that Jesus is the

Christ? This *one* is the antichrist, the *one* denying the Father and the Son. ²³Everyone denying the Son does also-not have the Father. The *one* confessing the Son also has the Father. ²⁴Let what **you heard** from *the* beginning be abiding in you. If what you heard **from *the* beginning** abides in you, **you** also will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise which He Himself promised to us: eternal life. ²⁶I wrote these *things* to you concerning the *ones* deceiving you. ²⁷And the Anointing which **you** received from Him is abiding in you. And you have no need that anyone should be teaching you; but as **His** Anointing is teaching you about all *things*, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it taught you, be abiding in it.

Abide In Christ So That If He Appears You May Have Confidence And Not Shame

²⁸And now little-children, be abiding in Him so that if He appears, we may have confidence and not be put-to-shame by Him at His coming.

Abiding Means Doing Righteousness, Which Characterizes All Those Born From God

²⁹If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also doing righteousness has been born from Him. **3:1** See what-kind-of love the Father has given to us: that we should be called children of God! And we are! For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ²Beloved, we are **now** children of God, and what we will be has not yet appeared. We know that if He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³And everyone having this hope in Him is purifying himself, just as that *One* is pure. ⁴Everyone doing sin also is doing lawlessness. Indeed sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that that *One* appeared in order that He might take-away sins. And there is no sin in Him. ⁶Everyone abiding in Him is not sinning. Everyone sinning has not seen Him nor known Him. ⁷Little-children, let no one be deceiving you— the *one* doing righteousness is righteous, just as that *One* is righteous. ⁸The *one* doing sin is of the devil, because the devil is sinning from *the* beginning. The Son of God appeared for this: that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Everyone having been born from God is not doing sin— because His seed is abiding in him, and he is not able to be sinning because he has been born from God. ¹⁰By this, the children of God and the children of the devil are evident.

Abiding Means Loving In Deed And Truth, As Jesus Commanded Us

Everyone not doing righteousness is not from God— and the *one* not loving his brother! ^{3:11}Because this is the message which you heard from *the* beginning: that we should be loving one another. ¹²Not as Cain. He was of the evil *one*, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his works were evil, but the *ones* of his brother were righteous. ¹³And do not be marveling, brothers, if the world hates you! ¹⁴**We** know that we have passed from death into life because we are loving the brothers. The *one* not loving is abiding in death. ¹⁵Everyone hating his brother is a murderer, and you know that every murderer does not have eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we have come-to-know love: because that *One* laid-down His life for us. And **we** ought to lay-down *our* lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But whoever has the goods of the world and sees his brother having a need and shuts his deep-feelings from him, how is the love of God abiding in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not be loving *with* word nor tongue, but in deed and truth. ¹⁹And by this, we will know that we are of the truth, and we will persuade our heart before Him. ²⁰Because if our heart **is condemning us**, we know that God is greater *than* our hearts, and He knows all *things*. ²¹Beloved, if **our heart** is not condemning us, we have confidence before God. ²²And whatever we are asking, we are receiving from Him, because we are keeping His commandments and doing the pleasing *things* in His sight. ²³And this is His commandment: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and *that* we be loving one another, just as He gave us *the* commandment. ²⁴And the *one* keeping His commandments is abiding in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He is abiding in us: from the Spirit Whom He gave to us.

Test The Spirits. The Spirit From God Confesses Christ

4:1 Beloved, do not be believing every spirit, but be testing the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false-prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that is confessing Jesus Christ as having come in *the* flesh is from God. ³And every spirit that is not confessing Jesus is not from God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist— which, you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. ⁴**You** are from God, little children, and you have overcome them, because greater is the *One* in you than the *one* in the world. ⁵**They** are from the world. For this reason they are speaking from the world, and the world is listening-to them. ⁶**We** are from God. The *one* knowing God is listening-to us. He who is not from God is not listening-to us. From this, we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Be Loving One Another, Because The Love Is From God

⁷Beloved, let us be loving one another. Because the love is from God! And everyone loving has been born from God, and knows God.

⁸The *one* not loving did not know God, because God is love.

God Made His Love Known To Us By Sending His Son

⁹By this God's love was made-known among us: that God has sent-forth His only-born Son into the world in order that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love— not that **we** have loved God, but that **He** loved us, and sent-forth His Son to be the satisfaction for our sins.

We Ought To Be Loving As He Loved Us

¹¹Beloved, if God loved us in-this-manner, **we** also ought to be loving one another.

Love Makes the Unseen God Visible In Us, Together With Our Confession of Christ

¹²No one has ever seen God; if we are loving one another, God is abiding in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we are abiding in Him and He in us: because He has given *to us* of His Spirit. ¹⁴And **we** have seen, and are testifying that the Father has sent-forth the Son *to be* Savior *of* the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son *of* God, God is abiding in him and he in God. ¹⁶And **we** have come-to-know and have believed the love which God has in us.

Love Demonstrates Our Mutual Relationship With God, And Gives Us Confidence

God is love; and the *one* abiding in the love is abiding in God, and God is abiding in him. ¹⁷By this, the love has been perfected with us in order that we may have confidence on the day *of* judgment. Because just as that *One* is, **we** also are, in this world. ¹⁸Fear is not in love— rather, perfect love throws fear out, because fear has punishment. And the *one* fearing has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹**We** are loving because **He** first loved us.

Not Loving One Another As He Commanded Proves That We Do Not Love God

²⁰If someone claims that “I love God” and is hating his brother, he is *a* liar. For the *one* not loving his brother whom he has seen cannot be loving God Whom he has not seen. ²¹And we have this commandment from Him: that the *one* loving God should be loving his brother also.

Everyone Born of God Believes Jesus Is His Son, Loves His People, Keeps His Commands

5:1 Everyone believing that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God. And everyone loving the *One* having fathered is loving also the *one* having been born from Him. ²By this we know that we are loving the children *of* God: when we are loving God and doing His commandments. ³For this is the love *of* God: that we be keeping His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Because The One Born of God Is Victorious Over The World By Faith In Jesus

⁴Because everything having been born from God is being-victorious-over the world. And this is the victory having been-victorious-over the world: our faith!

Who Indeed Is Victorious If Not The One Believing Jesus Is The Son of God!

⁵And who is the *one* being-victorious-over the world if not the *one* believing that Jesus is the Son *of* God!

Because Jesus Christ Has The Three-Fold Witness of God

⁶This *One* is the *One* having come by water and blood: Jesus Christ (not in the water only, but in the water and in the blood). And the Spirit is the *One* testifying, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷Because the *ones* testifying are three: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood. And the three are for the *one thing*. ⁹If we receive the testimony *of* humans, the testimony *of* God is greater!

Because God Himself Has Testified That He Has Given Us Eternal Life In His Son

Because this is the testimony *of* God: that He has testified about His Son! ¹⁰The *one* believing in the Son *of* God has the testimony in himself. The *one* not believing God has made Him *a* liar, because he has not believed in the testimony which God has testified about His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²The *one* having the Son has the life. The *one* not having the Son *of* God does not have the life.

I Wrote These Things That You May Know You Have Eternal Life

¹³I wrote these *things* to you, the *ones* believing in the name *of* the Son *of* God, in order that you may know that you have eternal **life**.

And This We Know With Confidence:

¹⁴And this is the confidence which we have before Him:

That God Hears Our Prayers

... that if we request anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us— whatever we request— we know that we have the requests which we have requested from Him.

But I Am Not Implying That You Should Pray About a Sin Leading To Death

¹⁶If anyone sees his brother sinning *a* sin not *leading* to death, he shall request, and He will give him life— *for the ones* sinning *a* sin not *leading* to death. There is *a* sin *leading* to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not *leading* to death.

That God's Children Are Not Sinning, And Are Protected From Satan

¹⁸We know that everyone having been born from God is not sinning. But the *One* having been fathered from God is keeping him. And the evil *one* is not touching him.

That We Are Born From God

¹⁹We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the evil *one*.

That We Know The True God And Have Eternal Life In Him

²⁰And we know that the Son *of* God has come, and has given us understanding in order that we might know the true *One*. And we are in the true *One*, in His Son Jesus Christ. This *One* is the true God and eternal life. ²¹Little-children, guard yourselves from idols!