

# **The Teachings of 1 John**

Other non-fiction books by the author:

Biblical Oddities

Even So, Come, Lord Jesus

The Kings of Israel and Judah

Collected Sunday School Lessons (2008 – 2009)

Collected Sunday School Lessons (2010 – 2011)

Collected Sunday School Lessons (2012 – 2013)

Collected Sunday School Lessons (2014 – 2018)

The Lost Doctrines

Dinosaurs in History

Summary of Old Testament Events

Chapter Summary of the Bible

Creation: A Study of Origins

Theology: An Assortment of Articles

Heresy: A Study of False Teachers

Eschatology: A Study of the Second Coming

C S Lewis

Bill Gothard

Translation Issues: The KJV Controversy

The Catholic Church: A Study of Heresy

# **The Teachings of 1 John**

by Jonathan Cooper

First Edition on 8/2/2025

# Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

Jon Cooper  
4/29/2024

# Table of Contents

Introduction.....	4
1 John 1.....	7
1 John 2.....	13
1 John 3.....	30
1 John 4.....	44
1 John 5.....	54



# 1 John 1

**1 John 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 our hands have handled, of the Word of life;"

- Jesus was from the beginning.
- Jesus is an eternal being. He already existed in the beginning and He had no beginning Himself.
- The apostle John heard the words of Jesus personally. John was an eyewitness to the things that Jesus did.
- The apostle John saw Jesus personally, and looked upon him.
- The apostle John touched Jesus.
- Jesus is the Word of life.
- The things that John wrote about Jesus were things he had seen for himself. He was an eyewitness to them and was giving a firsthand account. (This is true of the other disciples as well.)

**1 John 1:2:** "(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)"

- Jesus was manifested to the world, and to the disciples.
- God manifested Jesus so that He could be seen.
- The apostles (including John) had seen Jesus, who God manifested. They were eyewitnesses.
- The apostles (including John) bore witness of Jesus, who

they had seen with their own eyes.

- Jesus has everlasting life. He had no beginning and He will have no end.
- Before Jesus was born He was with the Father. Before His birth He was with God.
- Jesus existed before He was born in Bethlehem.

**1 John 1:3:** "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

- The disciples proclaimed the things they had seen.
- The disciples proclaimed the things they had heard.
- The words of the disciples are firsthand accounts. They were telling people what they had personally seen and heard.
- The Bible contains firsthand accounts of the life of Jesus.
- The reason the disciples testified about Jesus was so that others might have fellowship with them.
- In order to have fellowship with Jesus you need to have a reliable and true account of the life of Jesus. You need to know who He is and what He did. You can't have fellowship with Jesus apart from what's written in the Scriptures.
- The disciples had fellowship with God the Father.
- The disciples had fellowship with God the Son.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah).

- God the Father is referred to using male pronouns.
- God the Son is referred to using male pronouns.
- The gospel makes it possible to have fellowship with Jesus.
- The gospel makes it possible to have fellowship with God the Father.

**1 John 1:4:** "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

- This book was written so that our joy might be full.
- The words in this book are intended to bring us joy.
- This book was written by more than one person.
- The people (plural) who wrote this book were all eyewitnesses to Jesus.
- It's possible for the teachings and doctrines of the Scriptures to bring joy.

**1 John 1:5:** "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

- Jesus preached a message to the disciples.
- The disciples proclaimed the message that Jesus had given to them.
- The disciples were proclaiming the message of Jesus, not their own message.
- God is light.
- There is no darkness in God at all.

- God isn't a mixture of both good and evil. Instead He's pure good.
- Although the world teaches that good needs to be balanced out by evil, that's not what the Bible teaches. God is light, and is against the darkness.

**1 John 1:6:** "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:"

- Those who claim to have fellowship with God but who walk in darkness are liars.
- It's impossible to be a Christian and walk in sin at the same time. Those who are living sinful lives may claim to be Christians, but they're lying.
- One of the characteristics of genuine Christians is that they walk in the light and hate the darkness.
- One of the ways you can tell if a person's faith is real is by their actions. If they're walking in darkness then they're not a Christian at all.
- There are some people who lie about their salvation.
- Those who walk in darkness are not of God.
- Those who seek to have fellowship with God must walk in the light, and not in the darkness.
- God doesn't have fellowship with darkness.
- God doesn't call us to have a mixture of both darkness and light in our lives.

**1 John 1:7:** "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus

Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

- God is in the light.
- God commands us to walk in the light, and not walk in the darkness.
- If we walk in the light then we have fellowship with one another.
- If we walk in the light then we're saved. Those who walk in the light are genuine Christians.
- Fellowship comes from walking together in the light.
- All genuine Christians walk in the light. Those who don't walk in the light, but walk in darkness, aren't saved at all.
- The blood of Jesus is what cleanses us from sin. We are cleansed by His blood.
- We can only be cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Nothing else can do it.
- If we want to be saved then we must walk in the light. Those who are unwilling to walk in the light aren't forgiven.
- God won't save those who walk in the darkness.
- We must seek to walk in the same light that God does. We must walk in His ways in order to be saved.
- We aren't allowed to live as we please or make up our own rules. Instead we must walk as God walks.
- Light can't have fellowship with darkness. It's impossible for a Christian to have fellowship with a non-Christian, because to have fellowship with someone we must walk with them in the light.
- We can't be saved apart from Jesus, for only His blood

can cleanse us from sin.

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- In order to be saved we must be cleansed from sin.

**1 John 1:8:** "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.
- Everyone has sin in their lives. Everyone is a sinner.
- Those who claim to be without sin are deceiving themselves.
- There's no one who's without sin. There's no one who isn't a sinner.
- There's no one who doesn't need the blood of Jesus.
- Some people deceive themselves.
- The truth is that we're sinners and need a Savior. We need the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from our sin.

**1 John 1:9:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- In order to be forgiven for our sins we must confess our sins to God.
- If we don't confess our sins to God then we can't be saved. Salvation requires the confession of sins.
- God is faithful.
- God is just.

- If we confess our sins then God will forgive our sins.
- If we confess our sins then God will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- God is the only one who can forgive our sins.
- God is the only one who can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- We need to have our sins forgiven.
- We need to be cleansed from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 1:10:** "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

- Those who claim to be without sin are calling God a liar.
- Those who claim to be without sin don't have the word of God within them. They are liars.
- Everyone has sinned. There's no one who is without sin.
- You must admit that you're a sinner in order to be saved. Those who refuse to admit that they've sinned aren't saved.
- You must confess your sins to God in order to be saved. Those who refuse to confess their sins aren't saved.
- You must go to God and seek forgiveness for your sins in order to be saved. Those who haven't done that aren't saved.

## 1 John 2

**1 John 2:1:** "My little children, these things write I unto you,

that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:"

- The apostle John refers to the recipients of this letter as his children.
- The reason the apostle John wrote this letter is so that Christians would stop sinning.
- Christians need to stop sinning. This is important.
- Sin is bad.
- Christians have an advocate with the Father.
- Jesus is our advocate.
- Jesus is righteous.

**1 John 2:2:** "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

- Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. That means He was punished in our place so that we could be forgiven and redeemed. The suffering and death of Jesus purchased our forgiveness by paying the penalty that our sins deserved.
- Jesus suffered for our sins.
- Jesus took upon Himself the punishment that we deserved for our sins.
- Jesus is the propitiation for the sins of *all* Christians (not just the sins of the Jews).
- The only way to be saved is through Jesus.

**1 John 2:3:** "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we

keep his commandments."

- The proof of salvation is keeping the commandments of Christ.
- Those who keep the commandments of Jesus prove that they know Him. This is evidence that they're saved.
- Keeping the commandments of Jesus is vital.
- It's very important to know Jesus.
- It's very important to keep the commandments of Jesus.
- Jesus gave us commandments to follow.
- There are certain things that indicate whether a person is a genuine Christian or not.
- Those who are saved know Jesus.

**1 John 2:4:** "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

- Anyone who says that they know Jesus, but who doesn't keep His commandments, is a liar. (Although our salvation doesn't come from keeping God's commandments, all those who are genuinely saved will obey Jesus. This is because obedience to God is a *result* of salvation. Obedience to God is *never* the cause of our salvation.)
- Those who truly know Jesus will keep His commandments.
- Those who don't keep the commandments of Jesus don't actually know Him.
- Some people falsely claim to know Jesus when they don't.
- Not everyone who claims to know Jesus actually does.

- Those who don't keep the commandments of Jesus aren't saved.
- Those who don't know Jesus aren't saved.

**1 John 2:5:** "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."

- The love of God is perfected in those who keep the commandments of Jesus.
- Keeping the commandments of Jesus is an act of love.
- Keeping the commandments of Jesus is an act of perfection.
- Those who break the commandments of Jesus aren't demonstrating love. Instead they're involved in sin, hate, and rebellion.
- In order to be loving we must keep the commandments of Jesus.
- In order for God's love to be perfected in us we must keep the commandments of Jesus.
- The way we can tell that our salvation is genuine is by keeping the commandments of Jesus. If we keep His commandments then that means we're saved (because all those who are genuinely saved have been transformed by God, and will walk in His ways).
- Those who aren't in Jesus won't keep His commandments.
- Those who don't keep the commandments of Jesus don't have the love of God in them.

**1 John 2:6:** "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

- Those who claim to be Christians must walk as Jesus walked.
- If you don't walk as Jesus walked then you're not a Christian.
- Abiding in Jesus means walking in His ways and obeying His commands.
- The difference between a genuine Christian and a false Christian is obedience to Christ.
- Christians must seek to be like Christ.

**1 John 2:7:** "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning."

- Obedience to God is an act of love.
- The commandment to obey God is an old commandment, not a new one.
- The commandment to love one another is an old commandment, not a new one.
- God told us to love one another from the beginning.

**1 John 2:8:** "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."

- The apostle John is giving us a new commandment. It seems to be the same as the old commandment (to love

one another). This commandment may be both old and new, since God gave it in ancient times and Jesus also repeated it to His disciples.

- Now that Jesus has come into the world, the darkness is past.
- Now that Jesus has come into the world, the true light now shines.
- Jesus brings light to the world.
- Before Jesus came into the world, the world was in darkness.

**1 John 2:9:** "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now."

- Those who are in Jesus are in the light.
- Those who aren't in Jesus aren't in the light.
- In order to be in the light we must be in Jesus.
- Those who hate Christians aren't saved. They're not in the light.
- Those who hate Christians are still in the darkness.
- Christians must love one another.
- Those who don't love one another aren't saved. Instead they're still in the darkness.
- One of the characteristics of genuine Christians is a love for others.

**1 John 2:10:** "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him."

- Those who love others abide in the light.
- Those who love others are saved. (Keep in mind that loving one another means keeping the commands of Jesus.)
- Those who love others have no occasion for stumbling within them.
- It's very important to love others.
- Those who love others aren't in darkness.

**1 John 2:11:** "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."

- Those who hate others aren't in the light. Instead they're in the darkness.
- Those who hate others are walking in darkness.
- Those who hate others don't know where they're going.
- Those who hate others have been blinded.
- It's very bad to hate others.
- Hating others brings trouble upon yourself.
- Those who hate others don't know the Lord and aren't saved.

**1 John 2:12:** "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake."

- The reason that the apostle John wrote this letter is because our sins have been forgiven.
- Our sins have been forgiven for the sake of Christ's name.

- Our sins have been forgiven because of Jesus.
- Our sins have already been forgiven. The forgiveness occurred in the past, and is done.
- Our forgiveness has already been completed and accomplished.

**1 John 2:13:** "I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father."

- The apostle John wrote this letter to fathers.
- Jesus was from the beginning. He is an eternal (uncreated) being.
- Christians know Jesus.
- The apostle John wrote this letter to young men.
- The fathers who John was writing to were Christians.
- The young men who John was writing to were Christians.
- The young men had overcome the wicked one. (They did this through their faith in Christ.)
- Christians have overcome the wicked one.
- Christians have known God the Father.

**1 John 2:14:** "I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."

- John repeated that Christian fathers have known him who

was from the beginning. John is repeating that Jesus is an eternal, uncreated being.

- The Christian young men who the apostle John was writing to were strong.
- John repeated that the Christian young men who he was writing to had overcome the wicked one.
- It's very important to overcome the wicked one. (This is done by faith.)
- The word of God abides in Christians.

**1 John 2:15:** "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

- Christians must not love the world.
- Christians must not love the things that are in the world.
- Those who love this world aren't Christians.
- Those who love the things of this world aren't Christians.
- Those who aren't Christians don't have the love of God the Father within them.
- One of the distinguishing characteristics of Christians is that they don't love this world, or the things that are in this world.
- Those who are filled with the love of the Father won't love this world, or the things that it contains.

**1 John 2:16:** "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."

- The things that are in this world aren't of God the Father.
- Since the things that are in this world aren't of God the Father, we must not love them.
- We must not love things that don't come from God the Father.
- The sinful lusts of our flesh don't come from God the Father.
- The sinful lusts of our eyes don't come from God the Father.
- The sinful pride of life doesn't come from God the Father.
- Those who seek after the lusts of the flesh, and who love them, aren't saved.
- Those who seek after the lusts of the eyes, and who love them, aren't saved.
- Those who seek after the pride of life aren't saved.
- Those who seek after things that don't come from God the Father aren't saved.
- The sinful lusts of our flesh come from this world.
- The sinful lusts of our eyes come from this world.
- The sinful pride of life comes from this world.
- It's not just actions that are sinful. Desires can be sinful as well.
- There are things in this world that don't come from God the Father.
- Christians must not seek after the sinful lusts of the flesh.
- Christians must not seek after the sinful lusts of the eyes.
- Christians must not seek after the pride of life.

**1 John 2:17:** "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

- This world is passing away.
- This world isn't eternal. One day it will be gone.
- The lusts of this world are passing away.
- The lusts of the flesh are passing away.
- The lusts of the eyes are passing away.
- The pride of life is passing away.
- The things in this world that don't come from God are passing away.
- He who does the will of God will abide forever.
- Since Christians are those who walk in God's ways and do God's will, we will abide forever.
- Although this world will pass away, Christians will *not* pass away. We will last beyond the end of this world.
- If we want to abide forever then we must do the will of God.
- Those who don't do the will of God won't abide forever.

**1 John 2:18:** "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

- When this letter was written, it was already the last time.
- One day the antichrist will come.
- In the days of the apostle John there were already many

antichrists (meaning many people opposed to Christ).

- Since there are already many people who are against Christ, that means it's the last time.
- The identifying characteristic of the last time is the rise of antichrists.

**1 John 2:19:** "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

- There were false converts who claimed to have been associated with the true church, but who were lying.
- These false converts could be identified by the fact that they left the true church and went in a different direction.
- Since these people didn't remain with the true church, that demonstrated they were false converts.
- The passage of time will make false converts manifest. Those who are false will eventually leave the truth.
- Those who are true converts will remain with the truth. They won't leave it.
- Those who seemed to be with the church at first, but who eventually leave it, are called antichrists. They're preaching against the truth.

**1 John 2:20:** "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."

- Christians have an unction from the Holy One. That means we have the right and the ability to interpret the

Scripture on our ow.

- Christians know all things. We don't need someone else to interpret the Scripture for us.
- Christians don't need to listen to antichrists. instead we can study the Scriptures for ourselves, because the Holy Spirit has given us the right and the ability to do that.

**1 John 2:21:** "I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth."

- The apostle John wrote this letter because its recipients knew the truth.
- No lie is of the truth.
- The apostle John wrote this letter to Christians.
- Christians are those who know the truth.
- There's no truth in the Bible that tells Christians to tell lies, or to make lies, or to teach lies. No lie is of the truth, and no lie comes from the truth.

**1 John 2:22:** "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

- Those who deny that Jesus is the Messiah are liars.
- Those who deny that Jesus is the Messiah are antichrists.
- Those who deny God the Son deny God the Father as well.
- It's impossible to deny God the Son without also denying

God the Father.

- Those who deny that Jesus is the Messiah aren't saved. Instead they're the enemies of God.

**1 John 2:23:** "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

- Whoever denies God the Son is also denying God the Father. Those who reject Jesus are also rejecting God the Father as well.
- Whoever acknowledges God the Son also has God the Father as well. Those who accept Jesus as the Messiah also have God the Father.
- Those who have God the Son also have God the Father.
- Those who deny God the Son aren't saved.

**1 John 2:24:** "Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father:"

- The message that we heard from the beginning (the gospel) needs to continue to abide in us.
- If the message that we heard from the beginning (the gospel) abides in us then we will continue in the Son.
- If we continue in God the Son then we will continue in God the Father as well.
- We must not leave the truth that we heard from the beginning (the gospel). Instead we must continue to

abide in the truth, and not leave it.

**1 John 2:25:** "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."

- Jesus has promised us eternal life.
- Christians will have eternal life.
- Those who continue to abide in the truth, and remain in Jesus, will have eternal life.
- The reason Christians will have eternal life is because Jesus has promised it to us.

**1 John 2:26:** "These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you."

- There are some people who try to seduce others away from the truth.
- Antichrists try to lure people away from the truth, and cause them to accept and believe a lie.
- Christians need to be on their guard against those who would lure them away from the truth.
- The apostle John wrote to Christians to warn them about antichrists, who try to lure believers away from the truth.

**1 John 2:27:** "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

- Christians have an anointing from God.

- The anointing that Christians have received abides in us.
- Christians don't need to be taught secret knowledge (not found in the Bible) by other people. The anointing that God has given us enables us to read and understand the Scriptures on our own, and the Bible contains everything we need to know that pertains to godliness.
- God has given Christians an anointing that allows us to understand the Scriptures.
- Those who don't have this anointing from God can't understand the Scriptures.
- The anointing that God has given Christians teaches us all things that pertain to godliness.
- The anointing that God has given Christians teaches us to abide in Jesus.
- The anointing from God guides us to the truth.
- The anointing from God doesn't lead us into lies (although there are antichrists who will try to lead us into lies).
- The reason Christians can understand the Scriptures is because of the anointing that God has given us.
- The anointing that God has given us enables us to understand all of Scripture, not just part of it (although some parts of it are difficult to understand).
- We can trust the anointing that God has given us because it's of the truth.

**1 John 2:28:** "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming."

- Christians must abide in Jesus.
- One day Jesus is going to return. The day is coming when He will appear.
- If we abide in Jesus then we can have confidence.
- If we abide in Jesus then we won't be ashamed when He returns.
- There are some people who will be ashamed when He returns.
- Those who don't abide in Jesus will be ashamed when He returns.
- The way to be confident in the return of Jesus, so we don't have to be ashamed when He suddenly returns, is to abide in Him.
- The apostle John taught that since Jesus is one day going to appear, we must abide in Him so that when He does appear we won't be ashamed.

**1 John 2:29:** "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him."

- Jesus is righteous.
- All those who do what's right are born from Jesus.
- In order to do what's right we must be born from Jesus.
- One of the identifying characteristics of genuine Christians is that they do what's right.
- Those who don't do what's right aren't born of Jesus.

# 1 John 3

**1 John 3:1:** "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

- Christians are called the sons of God.
- The reason Christians are called the sons of God is because of what God the Father has done for us. He's the one who adopted us.
- Only Christians are called the sons of God. That designation doesn't apply to those who aren't Christians.
- The fact that Christians are called the sons of God is a tremendous act of love.
- The world doesn't know Christians.
- Christians aren't of the world. Instead we're separate and distinct from it.
- The reason the world doesn't know Christians is because it doesn't know God.
- There's a fundamental difference between Christians and the world.
- The world doesn't know God.

**1 John 3:2:** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

- Christians are already the sons of God. That's something which is true right now.

- Although Christians are already the sons of God, we don't know what we will ultimately become. At some point we will be changed into something more than what we are now, but that change hasn't happened yet.
- God hasn't revealed to us the details of the change that's coming. One day Christians will be transformed, but the details have been hidden.
- One day Jesus will appear. He will return to this world.
- When Jesus appears, we will be changed. Our transformation will happen at the moment of His return.
- When we're changed, we will be made like Jesus. We will be transformed from what we are now into beings who are like Him (although the details of that are currently unknown).
- When Jesus returns, we will see Him.
- When Jesus returns, we will see Him as He is.
- Jesus isn't going to return invisibly. When He returns He will be seen.

**1 John 3:3:** "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

- The hope of the return of Jesus should drive Christians to faithfulness and holiness.
- The hope of the return of Jesus is very important. It's a key motivating factor for Christians.
- Christians should be focused on the return of Jesus. It should motivate us in our daily lives.
- Christians must purify themselves from sin.

- Jesus is pure.
- Christians must purify themselves so they become more like Jesus. Since Jesus is pure, we must seek to be pure as well.

**1 John 3:4:** "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

- Whoever commits sin transgresses the law.
- Sins and transgressions are the same thing. Those who commit a sin are also committing a transgression.
- Christians must not sin.
- Christians must not transgress (break) the law.

**1 John 3:5:** "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."

- Jesus was manifested to this world.
- The reason Jesus was manifested was to take away our sins.
- Only Jesus can take away our sins.
- Our sins need to be taken away.
- We have sins.
- Jesus is sinless. He never sinned, and there is no sin in Him.
- Jesus came to take away our sins. Those who deny that, and claim that He appeared for some other reason, are guilty of teaching heresy.
- Jesus existed before He was manifested.

**1 John 3:6:** "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

- Those who abide in Jesus don't sin. (This seems to be talking about an unrepentant person who lives a life of sin and refuses to turn from it. The difference is between the one who confesses their sin and seeks to turn from it, versus the one who is unrepentant and is unwilling to turn away from sin.)
- Those who sin haven't seen Jesus.
- Those who sin haven't known Jesus.
- Those who claim to know Jesus, but who live lives of unrepentant sin, are lying. They don't know Him at all, for the sin in their lives testifies to the truth.
- Those who abide in Jesus have seen Him.
- Those who abide in Jesus know Him.

**1 John 3:7:** "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."

- Those who live a righteous life (as Jesus did) are righteous.
- Jesus is righteous.
- We must not let anyone deceive us. Those who live a righteous life are righteous, and those who don't live a righteous life aren't righteous.
- It's a deception to argue that those who live sinful lives are righteous.
- The identifying characteristic of a righteous person is that he lives a righteous life.

- Those who claim that there are righteous people who don't lead righteous lives are engaged in deception.

**1 John 3:8:** "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

- Those who lead sinful lives are of the devil.
- Sin is of the devil.
- The devil is sinful.
- The devil exists. He is a real creature.
- The devil sinned from the very beginning.
- The devil existed from the very beginning.
- The devil has been sinful from the beginning.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- The reason the Son of God was made manifest was to destroy the works of the devil.
- One of the ways that Jesus destroys the works of the devil is by taking away our sins.
- Jesus is going to destroy the works of the devil.
- The devil has done things in this world.
- The works of the devil are going to be destroyed.
- Those who lead sinful lives aren't of God. Instead they're of the devil.
- The identifying characteristic of those who are of the devil is that they lead sinful lives.

**1 John 3:9:** "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

- Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin. (This seems to be talking about leading a life of unrepentant sin. The difference is between a person who has repented of sin and turned away from it, and a person who refuses to repent and who won't turn away from sin.)
- Christians are those who are born of God.
- Those who lead sinful lives haven't been born again. They haven't been born of God.
- Those who are born of God can't lead sinful lives. The fact that they're born of God makes it impossible.
- Those who are born of God (genuine Christians) have been changed. They can't lead the same lives they used to because they're different.

**1 John 3:10:** "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother:"

- It's possible to tell the difference between a genuine Christian and an unbeliever.
- Only genuine Christians are children of God.
- Not everyone is a child of God.
- Some people are the children of the devil.
- Those who are children of God can be identified because they lead righteous lives.

- Those who are children of the devil can be identified because they lead wicked lives.
- The type of life that you lead reveals whether you're a child of God or a child of the devil.
- Those who don't lead righteous lives aren't of God.
- Those who don't love others aren't of God.
- If a person doesn't love others then that means he's not righteous.
- You can't be righteous without also loving others.
- The way we can tell whether we're saved is by looking at the type of life we lead. If we've truly been saved then we will love others and lead a righteous life.

**1 John 3:11:** "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

- Christians must love one another.
- God gave the commandment to love one another from the very beginning. (In fact, the commandments of God are a picture of what love looks like.)
- The commandment to love one another isn't new.

**1 John 3:12:** "Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous."

- Cain was a real person who actually existed.
- Cain had a brother.
- Cain's brother Abel was a real person who actually

existed.

- Cain was wicked.
- Cain was of the devil.
- The reason we know that Cain was of the devil is because of his wicked actions.
- Cain murdered his brother.
- The reason Cain murdered his brother was because Cain's actions were evil but his brother's actions were righteous.
- Cain's brother Abel was murdered because he lived a righteous life.
- Cain hated the fact that his brother lived a righteous life.
- The works of Cain were evil. This was true even before Cain murdered his brother.
- It's a wicked thing to murder people because they're righteous.
- Those who murder the righteous are of the devil.

**1 John 3:13:** "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."

- We shouldn't be surprised if the world hates us.
- The apostle John refers to the recipients of this letter as his brothers. He does not use the term "brothers and sisters", and yet this isn't seen as offensive or rude.
- The world may hate us.
- Christians aren't of the world. Instead we're a separate group that's distinct from the world.

**1 John 3:14:** "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

- Christians have passed from death to life.
- Christians have *already* passed from death unto life. This isn't something that will happen in the future, but something that's already happened in the past.
- The reason that Christians have already passed from death to life is because Christians love one another (which is only possible by the grace of God).
- Genuine Christians love other Christians. This is one of the characteristics of Christians.
- Those who don't love others have *not* passed from death to life. Instead they're still children of the devil.
- One of the identifying characteristics of genuine Christians is that they love other Christians. Those who don't love other Christians are of the devil.
- Cain didn't love his brother. This was proof that he was of the devil.
- Those who don't love other Christians are like Cain.

**1 John 3:15:** "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

- Those who hate others are murderers in the sight of God (just like Cain).
- Those who hate other Christians are like Cain in the sight of God. They're wicked children of the devil.

- No murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
- Christians have eternal life abiding in them.
- Christians already have eternal life.
- You can't be both a murderer and a Christian.
- In the sight of God, hate is the same as murder.
- Those who hate Christians don't have eternal life abiding in them.

**1 John 3:16:** "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

- The reason we can tell that God loves us is because He laid down His life for us. The sacrifice of His life is proof of His love.
- God laid down His life in order to save us.
- Christians should be willing to lay down their lives for fellow Christians.
- Laying down your life to save someone else is an act of love.
- The love that Christians have for one another should be so great that we are willing to lay down our lives.
- Jesus actually died. He truly laid down His life for us. He didn't simply appear to die, but He actually died.

**1 John 3:17:** "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

- If a fellow Christian is in need, and we're in a position to help him, then we should. That's how we demonstrate our love for others.
- If a fellow Christian is in need, and we refuse to help him even though we could help if we wanted, then that proves we don't love others.
- Our love for one another must not consist of empty words. Instead it must be followed up by deeds and actions.
- The way we demonstrate our love for others is by meeting their needs when we're able to do so.
- There may be times when other Christians have needs.
- God never promised that if a person becomes a Christian he'll never find himself in a position of need.
- There are some Christians who have more wealth and possessions than others.
- If the love of God truly dwells in us then we'll be motivated to help others who are in need.
- Those who refuse to help other Christians, even though they could provide help, are proving that the love of God doesn't dwell in them. They're showing that they aren't genuine Christians at all.

**1 John 3:18:** "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

- Christians must love one another with actions. Mere words aren't enough.
- Christians must love one another in the truth. We must not sacrifice the truth in the name of "love".

- A love that doesn't include actions isn't love at all.
- A love that isn't grounded in the truth isn't love at all.

**1 John 3:19:** "And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him."

- One of the defining characteristics of Christians is that they demonstrate their love with actions.
- There are ways we can know for sure that we're saved.
- There are concrete and visible differences between those who are truly saved and those who aren't.
- If we find ourselves in doubt about our salvation, we can fight those doubts by going back to this book and seeing the differences between those who are saved and those who aren't. We can look at the evidence of righteousness in our life as proof that we're saved.
- It's possible for Christians to find themselves faced with doubts about their salvation, even though they're genuinely saved. Just because we have doubts or are troubled doesn't mean those doubts are valid.

**1 John 3:20:** "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."

- There may be times when our heart condemns us, even though we're truly saved and haven't done anything wrong.
- God is greater than our heart.
- We shouldn't follow our heart.
- We shouldn't listen to our heart. Instead we should put

our faith in what the Word of God has to say.

- We shouldn't follow our feelings. There are times when our feelings mislead us.
- God knows all things. There's nothing that He doesn't know.
- God knows our circumstances and what's going on in our life.
- There may be times when our heart condemns us, but God does not condemn us. Our heart must not be our guide because it's not reliable.

**1 John 3:21:** "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

- John referred to Christians as "beloved". He uses very affectionate language, and this isn't seen as inappropriate.
- It's possible to have confidence toward God. We can know for sure that we're saved.
- Despite what some people claim, it's not a sin to have assurance of salvation. In fact, we *should* have assurance of our salvation.

**1 John 3:22:** "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

- Christians should pray.
- Christians should ask God for things.
- It's not wrong for Christians to ask God for things.

- There are times when God grants our prayers and gives us what we ask for.
- The reason God grants our prayers is because we obey His commandments.
- Christians must obey God's commandments.
- God has given us commandments, and He wants us to obey them.
- Christians must do what's pleasing in God's sight, not what's pleasing in our sight or in the sight of our culture.
- There are some things that are pleasing in God's sight, and there are other things that aren't pleasing to Him.

**1 John 3:23:** "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."

- Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ).
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- God commands us to believe in Jesus. That's His commandment.
- The reason God answers the prayers of Christians is because they believe on the name of Jesus.
- Christians must love one another.
- Christians are characterized by love for one another, and by belief on Jesus.

**1 John 3:24:** "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."

- Those who keep the commandments of God dwell in Him.
- Those who don't keep the commandments of God don't dwell in Him.
- God dwells in those who keep His commandments.
- God doesn't dwell in those who don't keep His commandments.
- Keeping the commandments of God (to believe in Jesus and to love one another) is a key distinguishing feature of Christians.
- If we keep God's commandments (to believe in Jesus and to love one another) then we can know for sure that we are Christians, and that God abides within us.
- God abides within all genuine Christians. We dwell in God and He dwells in us.
- God has given His Spirit to all genuine Christians.

## 1 John 4

**1 John 4:1:** "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

- Christians shouldn't believe everything they hear or are taught.
- Christians must test the things that they hear, to see if it's the truth.
- There are many false teachers in the world.
- Since there are many false teachers, Christians must be very careful about what they believe.

- Christians need to know how to test the things they're taught, to see if it's the truth from God or not.
- Christians must exercise discernment.
- Not all spirits are from God.
- Not all teachings are from God.
- Not all teachers are from God.
- Not all prophets are from God.
- Those who prophecy things that aren't from God are false prophets.
- Those who teach things that aren't from God are false teachers. This is true even if some of the things they teach are right.

**1 John 4:2:** "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:"

- Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ).
- Jesus has come in the flesh. Even though He is God, and existed before the world began, He still came into this world and became a man.
- No true spirit will deny Jesus.
- No true spirit will deny that Jesus is divine.
- No true spirit will deny that Jesus has come in the flesh. Although He is divine and has always existed, He humbled Himself and became a man.
- No true spirit will deny that Jesus is both fully man and fully God.

- One of the key ways to tell if a spirit is true or false is by looking at what it teaches about Jesus.
- All true spirits will confirm what the Bible teaches about Jesus.

**1 John 4:3:** "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

- All spirits which deny Jesus (in one way or another) aren't of God.
- All spirits which deny the divinity of Jesus aren't of God.
- All spirits which deny that Jesus came in the flesh and became a man aren't of God.
- All spirits which deny that Jesus is both fully man and fully God aren't of God.
- All spirits which deny (in one way or another) are antichrist. Those spirits are opposed to Christ and aren't of God.
- The spirit of antichrist is already in this world.
- The spirit of antichrist is opposed to Jesus and teaches lies about Him.

**1 John 4:4:** "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

- All true Christians are of God.
- All true Christians have overcome the anti-Christ spirits.

- Since God dwells in all true Christians, the One who dwells within us is greater than the one who dwells in the world.
- The false spirit of antichrist dwells in the world.
- God is greater than the spirit of antichrist.
- The reason genuine Christians have overcome the antichrist spirits is because God dwells within us.

**1 John 4:5:** "They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them."

- The antichrist spirits are of this world.
- When the antichrist spirits speak to the world, the world hears them.
- The reason the world listens to the antichrist spirits is because those spirits are of this world.

**1 John 4:6:** "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error:"

- All genuine Christians are of God.
- Those who are truly saved will listen to what the apostles have to say, and will accept and believe it.
- Those who reject what the apostles have to say aren't of God.
- One of the distinguishing characteristics of genuine Christians is that they accept and believe what the apostles teach.

- There's a spirit of truth.
- There's a spirit of error.
- Christians need to learn how to distinguish truth from error.
- Christians must not believe everything they're told.
- The apostle John didn't tell Christians to go to an "expert" and believe what they have to say about truth and error. Instead he taught Christians how to discern the truth for themselves.
- Each Christian is responsible for telling the difference between truth and error. Christians can't outsource that to someone else.

**1 John 4:7:** "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

- Christians must love one another.
- Love is of God.
- Those who love other Christians are born of God.
- Christians are born of God.
- Those who love other Christians know God.
- One of the distinguishing characteristics of genuine Christians is that they love other Christians. (This is in contrast to the world, which hates Christians and persecutes them.)

**1 John 4:8:** "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

- Those who don't love Christians don't know God. Such people aren't Christians at all, no matter what they claim.
- God is love.
- One of the ways to distinguish genuine believers from false believers is by looking at the way they treat Christians.

**1 John 4:9:** "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

- God manifested His love for us by sending Jesus into the world. Jesus is the proof of God's love for us.
- Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. There are no others.
- Jesus is the begotten Son of God.
- All Christians live through Jesus. There's no other way to be saved.
- God sent His Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

**1 John 4:10:** "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

- God is the one who chose to love us. Before we were saved we didn't love God.
- God loved us.
- God sent Jesus to save us.

- Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. This means He suffered and died for our sins, and took upon Himself the punishment that we deserved for our sins, so that we might be saved. He redeemed us with His own blood by suffering on our behalf.
- God is the one who sent Jesus into this world to save us from our sins.

**1 John 4:11:** "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

- Since God loved us, we must love one another.
- Christians should show to one another the same type of love that God showed to us.

**1 John 4:12:** "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

- No one has ever seen God.
- If we love one another then God dwells in us.
- Even though no one has ever seen God, He dwells within all genuine Christians.
- If we love one another then God's love is perfected in us.
- God's love is perfected in those who love other Christians.

**1 John 4:13:** "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit."

- If we love one another then we know that we dwell in

God and He dwells in us.

- One of the characteristics of genuine Christians is that they love other believers. Those who love other Christians are proving that they dwell in God and that He dwells in them.
- God has given us His Spirit.
- The Spirit of God is what enables us to love one another.
- When we love one another, we're proving that God's Spirit dwells within us.

**1 John 4:14:** "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

- The apostles have seen Jesus.
- The apostles testify about Jesus.
- God the Father sent His Son into this world.
- The reason God the Father sent His Son into this world was so that Jesus could be the Savior of this world.
- Jesus is this world's only savior. There are no others. He is the only one who can save us from our sins.
- Jesus is the savior of this world.
- This world needs a savior.

**1 John 4:15:** "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."

- God dwells in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God.
- God doesn't dwell in those who don't confess that Jesus

is the Son of God.

- God dwells within all genuine Christians, and they dwell within Him.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Christians are those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

**1 John 4:16:** "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

- God has great love for us.
- Christians know about the love that God has for us.
- Christians believe that God has great love for us.
- God is love.
- He who dwells in love dwells in God.
- God dwells in those who dwell in love.
- Love is central to the Christian walk. It's a defining characteristic.

**1 John 4:17:** "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

- If we love one another then our love is made perfect.
- If we love one another then we may have boldness in the day of judgment. We may be assured of our salvation.
- A day of judgment is coming.

- Some people will be spared in the day of judgment, but others won't.
- In this world we must be like Christ. We must be images of Christ to this world.

**1 John 4:18:** "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

- There is no fear in love.
- Perfect love casts out fear.
- Fear and love can't exist at the same time.
- If we have fear then we lack perfect love. It means we haven't been perfected in love.
- Christians don't need to be afraid of the judgment. If we're afraid then we haven't been perfected in love.
- Fear torments those who are afraid.

**1 John 4:19:** "We love him, because he first loved us."

- Christians are those who love God.
- The reason we love God is because He first loved us.
- God loved us before we loved Him. If He had never loved us then we would have never loved Him.
- Our love comes from the love that God had for us. He loved us first.

**1 John 4:20:** "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath

seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

- It's impossible to love God but hate your brother.
- Those who hate others don't love God, even though they may claim to love Him. Such people are liars.
- If you find a person who claims to love God, but who hates others, then you've found a liar.
- It's impossible to love a God who we've never seen, and yet hate our brother who we have seen.
- We have not seen God.
- If you want to know if a person loves God, then look at the way that person treats Christians. If that person doesn't love them, and treats them poorly, then he doesn't love God either no matter what he might claim.

**1 John 4:21:** "And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

- God has commanded us to love one another.
- Those who love God must love others as well.
- It's impossible to love God and yet not love others.

## 1 John 5

**1 John 5:1:** "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him."

- All those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah are born of God.

- Those who don't believe that Jesus is the Messiah aren't born of God.
- Some people are born of God, while others aren't.
- Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ).
- We must believe that Jesus is the Messiah.
- All those who love Jesus also love the people who He saved.
- One of the defining characteristics of genuine Christians is that they believe Jesus is the Messiah.
- One of the defining characteristics of genuine Christians is that they love other Christians.
- The apostle John repeats throughout this letter that those who hate Christians can't possibly love God or be genuinely saved.

**1 John 5:2:** "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments."

- The way we can tell that we love other Christians is because we love God and keep His commandments.
- Those who don't keep God's commandments don't love others.
- Keeping God's commandments is an act of love.
- We must love the children of God.
- Not everyone is a child of God. Some people are, but other people aren't.
- We must love God.
- We must keep God's commandments.

- God has given us commandments that we must keep.

**1 John 5:3:** "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

- The love of God is keeping His commandments. The way we demonstrate true love is by obeying His commandments.
- Those who don't keep God's commandments don't love God.
- The commandments of God aren't grievous.

**1 John 5:4:** "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

- Everyone who's born of God overcomes the world.
- We overcome the world by faith. Faith is how we obtain victory over the world.
- We must overcome the world. We must defeat it, and not be a part of it.
- The world is something that we need to overcome and defeat.
- Faith is a powerful weapon and a mighty tool for victory.
- In order to overcome the world we must be born of God.

**1 John 5:5:** "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

- The people who have overcome the world are those who

believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

- The key to overcoming the world is belief that Jesus is the Son of God.
- Those who don't believe in Jesus haven't overcome the world.

**1 John 5:6:** "This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."

- Jesus came by water.
- Jesus came by blood.
- The Spirit bears witness that Jesus came by both water and blood.
- The Spirit is truth.

**1 John 5:7:** "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

- Jesus is the Word.
- God the Father is in Heaven.
- God the Son (Jesus) is in Heaven.
- The Holy Ghost is in Heaven.
- Jesus bears witness in Heaven.
- God the Father bears witness in Heaven.
- The Holy Spirit bears witness in Heaven.
- God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit all bear

witness of the same thing.

- God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all one. They are one God in three persons (not three different gods).
- This book teaches the concept of the Trinity (one God, three persons).
- God the Father is God.
- God the Son is God.
- The Holy Spirit is God.

**1 John 5:8:** "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

- The Holy Spirit bears witness in earth.
- The water bears witness in earth.
- The blood bears witness in earth.
- The testimony of the Holy Spirit, the water, and the blood all agree in one.

**1 John 5:9:** "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son."

- The witness of God is greater than the witness of men.
- People accept the testimony of men. They should accept the testimony of God even more, because it's far greater than the words of men.
- God the Father has testified about His Son, Jesus.

- We should accept God the Father's testimony about Jesus.

**1 John 5:10:** "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

- Those who believe on the Son of God have God's witness in them.
- Those who don't believe God are calling God a liar.
- Those who don't believe God are rejecting the testimony that God the Father made about His Son.
- We must believe the testimony that God the Father made about His Son.
- Those who reject Jesus are calling God a liar.

**1 John 5:11:** "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

- God has given us eternal life.
- Our eternal life is in Jesus, the Son of God.
- The only way to obtain eternal life is through Jesus.
- God has *already* given us eternal life. That's not something we will receive in the future, but is something we already have.

**1 John 5:12:** "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

- He who has the Son of God has life.
- He who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- The only way to obtain life is through the Son of God.

**1 John 5:13:** "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

- This book was written to those who believe in the Son of God. It's written specifically to Christians who believe in Jesus.
- This book was written so that Christians could have assurance of their salvation, and know for sure that they have eternal life.
- This book was written so that people would believe on the name of the Son of God.
- In order to have eternal life, we must believe on the name of the Son of God.
- God wants us to have assurance of our salvation.
- It's possible to have assurance of our salvation. We don't have to live in doubt about whether we're truly saved.
- Eternal life is worth having.
- It's good to have eternal life.

**1 John 5:14:** "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:"

- If we ask God for something that's according to His will,

He hears us.

- God hears prayers from Christians that are according to His will.
- Christians should pray.
- It's not wrong for Christians to ask God for things.
- Our prayers need to be in accordance with the will of God.
- If our prayer is in accordance with the will of God, we can pray with confidence.
- There are some prayers that God hears, and there are others that He doesn't.

**1 John 5:15:** "And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

- If God hears our prayer then He will grant it.
- God will grant prayers that are according to His will.
- There are times when God grants our prayers.
- Prayer is a meaningful thing to do. If we pray according to the will of God then He will grant our prayer.

**1 John 5:16:** "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."

- It's possible for Christians to sin.
- It's possible for Christians to commit a sin that doesn't

lead to death.

- Not all sins that Christians commit lead to death.
- Not all sin is equally severe.
- Just because a person sinned doesn't mean they're not a Christian.
- If we see a Christian who has committed a sin that doesn't lead to death, we should pray for that person.
- If we pray for a Christian who has committed a sin that doesn't lead to death, God will hear that prayer and grant life to the person who's sinning.
- Christians should *not* pray for those who have committed a sin that does lead to death. God won't hear that prayer and won't grant it.
- There are some people who Christians should pray for, but there are others that we shouldn't.
- The sin that leads to death can't be prayed for.
- There is a sin that leads to death.
- Christians should pray for one another.
- Christians still struggle with sin.
- Christians don't automatically become perfect and sinless when they're saved. It's still possible for Christians to sin. (However, there's an enormous difference between the lost who love their sin and refuse to repent of it, and the saved who hate their sin and who are waging war against it.)

**1 John 5:17:** "All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death."

- All unrighteousness is sin.
- There is a sin which Christians can commit that doesn't lead to death.

**1 John 5:18:** "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

- Whoever is born of God doesn't sin. (Since John just talked about Christians who sin, this is talking about the sins John has been discussing in this letter: those who don't love Christians, or those who don't believe on Jesus.)
- Christians are those who are begotten of God.
- Our salvation comes from God. It doesn't come from ourselves.
- Those who are genuine Christians keep themselves from sin.
- Those who don't keep themselves from sin are prey for the devil.
- Those who sin aren't born of God. They're not genuine Christians.
- The devil seeks after those who are living lives of sin.
- If we want to protect ourselves from the devil then we must avoid sin.

**1 John 5:19:** "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness."

- Christians are of God.

- We can know for sure that we're of God. We don't have to live in doubt.
- The whole world lies in wickedness.
- This world is wicked.

**1 John 5:20:** "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

- The Son of God has come into this world.
- The Son of God has given us understanding.
- God has given us understanding so that we may believe in Jesus.
- Jesus is the one who's true.
- Those who are genuinely saved are in Jesus.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus is the Messiah (the Christ).
- Jesus is the true God.
- In Jesus we have eternal life.
- Those who believe in Jesus are believing the truth.

**1 John 5:21:** "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."

- Christians must keep away from idols. Idols are things we must avoid and have nothing to do with.
- Idols are bad. They're wicked and evil.