

The First Epistle General Of John

The Argument

After that John had sufficiently declared, how that our whole salvation doeth consist only in Christ, lest that any man should thereby take a boldness to sin, he sheweth that no man can believe in Christ, unless he doeth endeavor himself to keep his commandments, which thing being done, he exhorteth them to beware of false prophets, whom he calleth Antichrists, and to try the spirits. Last of all he doeth earnestly exhort them unto brotherly love, and to beware of deceivers.

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1 John 1

1 He testifieth that he bringeth the eternal word, wherein is life, 5 and light. 9 God will be merciful unto the faithful, if groaning under the burden of their sins, they learn to flee unto his mercy.

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,

2 (For the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was made manifest unto us.)

3 That, *I say*, which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye may also have fellowship with us, and that our fellowship also may be with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

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.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not truly;

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.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and truth is not in us.

9 If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins, and to 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.

1 John 2

1 He declareth that Christ is our mediator and advocate, 3 and sheweth that the knowledge of God consisteth in holiness of life, 12 which appertaineth to all sorts, 14 that depend on Christ alone; 15 Then having exhorteth them to condemn the world, 18 he giveth warning that Antichrist be avoided, 24 and that the known truth be stood upon.

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 Just.

2 And he is the reconciliation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

3 And hereby we are sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But he that keepeth his word, in him is the love of God perfect indeed; hereby we know that we are in him.

6 He that saith he remaineth in him, ought even so to walk as he hath walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment, which ye have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word, which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, that which is true in him, and also in you, for the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith that he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness, until this time.

10 He that loveth his brother, abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of evil in him.

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.

12 Little children, I write unto you, because your sins are forgiven you for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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.

16 For all that is in the world, (*as* the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life) is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that fulfilleth the will of God abideth forever.

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.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they should have continued with us. But *this cometh to pass*, that it might appear, that they are not all of us.

20 But ye have an ointment from the Holy one, and ye know all things.

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.

22 Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? The same is the Antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.

24 Let therefore abide in you that same 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.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

26 These things have I written unto you, concerning them that deceive you.

27 But the anointing which ye received of him, dwelleth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and it is true and is not lying, and as it taught you, ye shall abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may be bold, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, know ye that he which doeth righteously, is born of him.

1 John 3

1 Setting down the inestimable glory of this that we are God's sons, 7 he sheweth newness of life must be testified by good works, whereof charity is a manifest token. 19 Of faith, 22 and praising unto God.

1 Behold, what love the Father hath given to us, that we should be called the sons of God. For this cause the world knoweth you not, because it knoweth not him.

2 Dearly beloved, now are we the sons of God, but yet it is not made manifest what we shall be, and we know that when he shall be made manifest, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purgeth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the Law; for sin is the transgression of the Law.

5 And ye know that he was made manifest, that he might take away our sins, and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him, sinneth not; whosoever sinneth, hath not seen him, neither hath known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you; he that doeth righteousness, is righteous, as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin, is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose was made manifest the Son of God, that he might loose the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God sinneth not, for his seed remaineth in him, neither can he sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this are the children of God known, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

12 Not as Cain *which* was of the wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's good.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, though the world hate you.

14 We know that we are translated from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother, abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother, is a manslayer; and ye know that no manslayer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby have we perceived love, that he laid down his life for us; therefore we ought also to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

17 And whosoever hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue *only*, but in deed and in truth.

19 For thereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall before him assure our hearts.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we boldness toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in his sight.

23 This is then his commandment, That we believe in the Name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave commandment.

24 For he that keepeth his commandments, dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, *even* by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 John 4

1 Having spoken somewhat touching the trying of spirits; 4 For some speak after the world, 5 and some after God. 7 He returneth to charity, 11-19 and by the example of God he exhorteth to brotherly love.

1 Dearly beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, for many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby shall ye know the Spirit of God, Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.

3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God; but this is the *spirit* of Antichrist, of whom ye have heard, how that he should come, and now already he is in the world.

4 Little children, ye are of God, and have overcome them; for greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world, therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God, he that knoweth God, heareth us; he that is not of God heareth us not. Hereby know we the Spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love cometh of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.

9 Herein was the love of God made manifest amongst us, because God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* a reconciliation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfect in us.

13 Hereby know we, that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen, and do testify, that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever confesseth that Jesus is the Son of God, in him dwelleth God, and he in God.

16 And we have known, and believed the love that God hath in us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is the love perfect in us, that we should have boldness in the day of judgment; for as he is, even so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear, for fear hath painfulness, and he that feareth, is not perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he loved us first.

20 If any man say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar; for how can he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we of him, that he that loveth God, should love his brother also.

1 John 5

1 He sheweth that brotherly love and faith are things inseparable; 10 And that there is no faith towards God, but by believing in Christ; 16 and also that our prayers be available for our brethren.

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God, and every one that loveth him, which begat, loveth him also which is begotten of him.

2 In this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome.

4 For all that is born of God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, *even* our faith.

5 Who is it that overcometh the world, but he which believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is that Jesus Christ that came by water and blood; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, for the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three, which bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the holy Ghost; and these three are one.

8 And there are three, which bear record in the earth, the Spirit, and the Water, and the Blood; and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God, which he testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth in the Son of God, hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God, hath made him a liar, because he believed not the record, that God witnessed of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you, that believe in the Name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe in the Name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the assurance that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.

15 And if we know that he heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions, that we have desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin that is not unto death, let him ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death, I say not that thou shouldest pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin, but there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God, sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and the wicked one toucheth him not.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 But we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us a mind to know him, which is true; and we are in him that is true, *that is*, in his Son Jesus Christ. This same is the very God, and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols, Amen.