

The First Epistle of John

¹That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we examined and our hands handled concerning the Word of life – ²and the Life was manifested and we have seen, and we are testifying, and we are announcing to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – ³that which we have seen and heard we are announcing to you, so that you also may be having fellowship with us. And also this fellowship of ours is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we are writing to you so that our joy may be fulfilled.

⁵And this is the message which we have heard from Him and we are announcing to you: that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we should say that we are having fellowship with Him, and we should be walking in darkness, we ourselves are lying, and are not doing the truth. ⁷And if we should be walking in the light, as He Himself is in the light, we are having fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son is cleansing us from all sin. ⁸If we should say that we are not having sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous so that He should forgive us those sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we should say that we have not sinned, we are making Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

1 John 2

¹My children, these things I am writing to you, so that you may not sin. And if someone might sin, we have a Helper with the Father, the righteous Jesus Christ. ²And He Himself is a propitiation concerning our sins, and not concerning ours only, but also concerning those of the whole world.

³And in this we know that we have known Him, if we are keeping His commandments. ⁴The one saying, “I have known Him” and not keeping His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the devotion of God has been perfected in him. In this we know that we are in Him. ⁶The one claiming to continue in Him ought also to walk just as He walked.

⁷Brethren, I am not writing to you a new commandment, but an old commandment which you were having from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸Again a new commandment I am writing 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 devoted to his brother continues in the light, and there is no trap in him. ¹¹But the one hating his brother is in the darkness and is walking in the darkness, and he doesn't know where he goes because the darkness blinded his eyes.

¹²I am writing to you, children, because your sins have been forgiven through His name.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you have known the One Who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I am writing to you, little children, because you have known the Father.

¹⁴ I wrote to you, fathers, because you have known the One Who is from the beginning.

I wrote to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵ Do not be devoted to the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone is devoted to the world, the devotion of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ Because all the things in the world – the craving of the flesh, and the craving of the eyes, and the pride of one's life – is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away and its craving, but the one doing the will of God continues into the age.

¹⁸ Little children, it is a last hour, and just as you heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen, from which we are knowing that it is a last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not from us, for if they were from us, they would have continued with us; but in order that they might be manifested that they are not all from us, they went out. ²⁰ And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you have known all. ²¹ I didn't write to you because you haven't known the truth, but because you have known it, and because every lie is not from the truth.

²² Who is the liar, if not the one denying that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist – the one denying the Father and the Son. ²³ Everyone denying the Son doesn't have the Father either.

²⁴ Therefore, let that continue in you which you heard from the beginning. If that which you heard from the beginning continues in you, you also will continue in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise which He Himself promised to you: eternal life. ²⁶ I wrote these things to you concerning the ones deceiving you. ²⁷ And you, the anointing which you received from Him is continuing in you and you have no need that anyone should teach you, but as the same anointing is teaching you concerning all things, and is true, and is not false, and just as it taught you, you will continue in Him.

²⁸ And now, children, be continuing in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. ²⁹ If you realize that He is righteous, you know that all those doing that righteousness have been born of Him.

1 John 3

¹ Behold what kind of devotion the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. On account of this the world doesn't know you, because it didn't know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet appeared what we will be. But we have known that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone having this expectation upon Him is purifying himself, just as He is pure.

⁴ Everyone doing sin also does lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵ And you have known that He appeared so that He might take away our sins, and in Him is no sin. ⁶ Everyone continuing in Him is not sinning. Everyone sinning has not seen Him, nor has he known Him.

⁷ Children, let no one be deceiving you. The one doing righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸ The one doing sin is from the slanderer, because the slanderer is sinning from the beginning. For this the Son of God appeared, so that He might destroy the works of the slanderer. ⁹ Everyone having been born from God is doing no sin, because His seed continues in him, and he is not able to sin, because he has been born from God.

¹⁰ In this the children of God and the children of the slanderer are manifest: everyone not doing righteousness is not from God, and the one who is not devoted to his brother. ¹¹ Because this is the message which you heard from the beginning, so that we might be devoting ourselves to one another, ¹² not as Cain was from the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his works were evil, and those of his brother were righteous.

¹³ Do not be amazed, my brethren, if the world is hating you. ¹⁴ We have known that we have passed over from the death into the life, because we are devoted to the brethren. The one not devoted to his brother is continuing in the death. ¹⁵ Everyone hating his brother is a murderer, and you have known that any murderer does not have eternal life continuing in him.

¹⁶ In this we have known the devotion, because He laid down His soul for us. And we are obligated to lay down our souls for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoever might be having the livelihood of the world, and might be beholding his brother having need, and might shut his bowels from him, how does the devotion of God continue in him?

¹⁸ My children, do not be devoted in word or tongue, but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And in this we know that we are from the truth, and we will persuade our hearts before Him, ²⁰ because if our heart may condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and He knows all.

²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we are having confidence toward God, ²² and whatever we might ask we are receiving from Him, because we are keeping His commandments and we are doing the things which are pleasing before Him. ²³ And this is His commandment so that we might believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and we should be devoted to one another, just as He gave commandment. ²⁴ And the one keeping His commandments continues in Him, and He in Him. And in this we are knowing that He continues in us, from the Spirit whom He gave us.

1 John 4

¹ Beloved, don't be believing every spirit, but be testing the spirits whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² In this the Spirit of God is known: Every spirit which is confessing Jesus Christ as having come in flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit which is not confessing Jesus Christ as having come in flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard that it is coming, and is now in the world already.

⁴ You are of God, children, and you have overcome them, because greater is the One in you than the one in the world. ⁵ They are of the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world is hearing them. ⁶ We are of God. The one knowing God is hearing us. He who is not of God is not hearing us. From this we are knowing the Spirit of the truth and the spirit of the error.

⁷ Beloved, we are devoted to one another because this devotion is from God, and

everyone devoted has been born from God and is knowing God. ⁸The one not devoting himself didn't know God, because God is devotion. ⁹In this the devotion of God was manifested among us: that God has sent His unique Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is the devotion: not that we have been devoted to God, but that He devoted Himself to us and sent His Son a propitiation concerning our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if God devoted Himself to us in this way, indeed, we are obligated to devote ourselves to one another.

¹²No one has ever beheld God. If we are devoted to one another God is continuing in us and His devotion is perfected in us. ¹³In this we are knowing that we are continuing in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴And we have beheld and we are testifying that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God continues in him, and he in God.

¹⁶And we have known and believed the devotion which God is having for us. God is devotion, and the one continuing in this devotion continues in God, and God continues in him.

¹⁷In this, this devotion has been perfected with us, so that we might have confidence in the day of judgment, because just as He is, we also are in this world.

¹⁸Fear is not in this devotion, but the perfect devotion casts out the fear, because the fear has punishment. But the one fearing has not been perfected in this devotion. ¹⁹We are devoted to Him because He was first devoted to us.

²⁰If anyone might say, "I am devoted to God" and hates his brother, he is a liar, for he not being devoted to his brother whom he has seen, how is it possible to be devoted to God Whom he hasn't seen? ²¹And this commandment we are having from Him, so that the one devoted to God should be devoted to his brother also.

1 John 5

¹Everyone believing that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God, and everyone being devoted to the One Who bore is also devoted to the one having been born of Him. ²In this we are knowing that we are devoted to the children of God, whenever we are devoted to God and we are keeping His commandments. ³For this is the devotion for God, that we are keeping His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, ⁴because everything having been born from God is overcoming the world. And this is the victory which overcomes the world, your belief. ⁵Who is the one overcoming the world if not the one believing that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the One coming through water and blood – Jesus Christ; not in the water only, but in the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the One testifying because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷Because three are the ones testifying: ⁸the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and the three are into the one. ⁹If we are receiving the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; because this is the testimony of God which He has testified concerning His Son. ¹⁰The one believing in the Son of God is having 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 concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: that God gave to us eternal life, and this – the life – is in His Son. ¹²The one having the Son is having the life; the one not having the Son of God is not having the life.

¹³These things I wrote to you – the ones believing in the name of the Son of God –

so that you may know that you are having eternal life, and so that you may believe in the name of the Son of God. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence which we are having toward Him, that if we should be asking anything according to His will, He is hearing us. ¹⁵ And if we have known that He is hearing us (whatever we should ask) we have known that we are having the requests which we have asked from Him. ¹⁶ If anyone should see his brother sinning a sin not toward death, he will ask, and He will give him life, to those not sinning toward death. There is sin toward death. I am not saying that he should ask concerning that. ¹⁷ Every unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not toward death.

¹⁸ We have known that everyone having been born from God is not sinning, but the one having been born from God keeps himself and the evil one doesn't touch him.

¹⁹ We have known that we are from God, and the whole world is lying in the evil one. ²⁰ And we have known that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we might be knowing the True One; and we are in the True One, in His Son Jesus Christ. This One is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Children, guard yourselves from the idols. Amen.