

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION – PART III

{Sunday, June 21, 2020 A.D.}

Main Themes:

- ✓ **Eyewitness testimony** regarding the *The Gospel Message; The Word of Life* manifested in the incarnation, **Son of God/Son of Man** {the full deity and humanity of Jesus Christ, two complete natures, yet one person}.
- Jesus Christ, our **Advocate** with the Father.
- **Holiness** of God.
- **Assurance of Salvation**; the practice of Righteousness.
- **The love of God the Father as precedent** to our true biblical love of God and our brothers and sister in Christ.
- **The New Commandment; Love one another. Self-sacrificial love**, to love as Jesus Christ loves (to love as God loves).
- **Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy**; Right doctrine for the purpose of right practice {belief and behavior/good seed and good fruit/faith and works/walking worthily/faith and life/etc}.
- The **discerning/testing/judging** of “the spirits.” Ever reforming one’s self and the church.
- **Warning** against false teachers and their heretical teaching.
- **True Believers** versus false converts/antichrists/deceivers/wolves/false teachers/goats/tares/etc.
- **Antichrists**; Every spirit that does **not** confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.
- **Love and Propitiation**, {we do not normally think about these concepts as belonging together}.
- **Born of God/Born Again/Born from Above** {regeneration/ passed out of death into life}.
- **Overcoming the world** {the final triumph of The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **King of kings and Lord of lords, The Gospel, The Kingdom of God and The Church.**
- **The Exclusivity** of Jesus Christ.
- The theological criteria conditioning the believer’s extension of **hospitality**.
- **The Last Days**.
- **Eternal Life** in Christ.
- The importance of viewing these three short epistles as **the word of almighty God, breathed out by His Holy Spirit, and necessary for faith and life.**

Advocate / Intercessor / Priest / Mediator / Paraclete

1 John 2:1-2

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And **if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;** ² and **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins;** and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world.*

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ In the same way **the Spirit also helps** our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and

He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us,** who is against us?

³² **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?**

³³ Who will bring a charge against God’s elect?

God is the one who justifies; ³⁴ who is the one who condemns?

Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . ³⁷ But in all these things **we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.**

³⁸ For **I am convinced** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from **the love of God,** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 7:11-28

¹¹ Now **if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood** (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), **what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek**, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

¹² For when **the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also**. ¹³ For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. ¹⁵ And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but **according to the power of an indestructible life**. ¹⁷ For it is attested of Him, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK." ¹⁸ For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰ And inasmuch as *it was* not without an oath ²¹ (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'"); ²² so much the more also **Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant**. ²³ The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, ²⁴ but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**. ²⁶ For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this **He did once for all when He offered up Himself**. ²⁸ For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

⁵ For there is **one God, and one mediator also** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

Hebrews 8:6-12

⁶ But now He has obtained **a more excellent ministry**, by as much as He is also **the mediator of a better covenant**, which has been enacted **on better promises**. ⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. ⁸ For finding fault with them, He says, "BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN **I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT** WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH; ⁹ **NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS** ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR **THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT**, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

¹⁰ "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: **I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE**. ¹¹ "AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. ¹² **FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE**."

John 14:16-17

¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because **He abides with you and will be in you**.

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