1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION – PART IV

{Sunday, June 28, 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***.

Deuteronomy 5:7
7 'You shall have **no other gods** before Me.

Deuteronomy 5:11
11 'You shall **not take the name of the LORD your God in vain**, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

1 Samuel 2:2
2 "There is **no one holy like the LORD**, Indeed, there is **no one besides You**,
Nor is there any rock like our God.

Isaiah 6:1-3
1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called out to another and said,
"**Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory**."

Ephesians 5:25-27
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that
He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that
He might present to Himself the church in all her glory,
having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

1 Peter 1:15-16
15 but **like the Holy One who called you**, **be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior**; 16 because it is written,
"**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY**."

Matthew 6:9
9 "Pray, then, in this way: '**Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name**.

Genesis 1:11-12
11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth **bearing fruit after their kind** with seed in them"; and it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, **plants yielding seed after their kind**, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, **after their kind**; and **God saw that it was good**.

1 Peter 1:23
23 for you have been born again **not of seed which is perishable but imperishable**, *that is,* **through the living and enduring word of God**.

1 John 3:9-10
9 **No one who is born of God practices sin**, because **His seed abides in him**; and **he cannot sin**, because he is **born of God**. 10 By this **the children of God** and the children of the devil **are obvious**: **anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God**, **nor the one who does not love his brother**.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18
14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for **what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness**, or **what fellowship has light with darkness**? 15 Or **what harmony has Christ with Belial**, or **what has a believer in common with an unbeliever**? 16 Or **what agreement has the temple of God with idols**? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 17 "Therefore, **COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE**," says the Lord. "AND **DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN**; And **I will welcome you**. 18 "And **I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me**," Says the Lord Almighty.

The Holiness of God / Man's Assurance of Salvation – his *practice* of righteousness

1 John 1:5
5 This is the message **we have heard from Him and announce to you**, that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all**.

1 John 1:6-7
6 If **we say that we have fellowship with Him** and *yet* **walk in the darkness**, **we lie** and **do not practice the truth**; 7 but if **we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 2:3-6
3 **By this we know** that **we have come to know Him**, **if we keep His commandments**. 4 **The one who says**, "I have come to know Him," **and does not** keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. **By this we know that we are in Him**: 6 **the one who says** he abides in Him **ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked**.

1 John 2:29
29 If you know that **He is righteous**, you know that **everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him**.