

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION – PART V

{Sunday, July 5, 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.**

The love of God the Father as precedent . . .

Ezekiel 36:22-38

Jeremiah 31:3

³ The **LORD** appeared to him from afar, *saying, “**I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.**”*

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ "For **God so loved the world**, that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that **the world might be saved through Him.**

Romans 5:8-10

⁸ But God demonstrates **His own love toward us**, in that **while we were yet sinners,** **Christ died for us.** ⁹ **Much more** then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be **saved** from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰ For **if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,** **much more,** having been **reconciled,** we shall be **saved by His life.**

Ephesians 1:3-8

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God*;⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

1 John 4:7-11

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:19

¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.

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