

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION – PART VI

{Sunday, July 12, 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 New Commandment; Love one another. . . .

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 4:12-21

¹² **No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us**, and His love is perfected in us. ¹³ **By this we know** that we abide in Him and He in us, because **He has given us of His Spirit**. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him**, and he in God. ¹⁶ We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love**, and the **one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him**. ¹⁷ **By this, love is perfected with us**, so that **we may have confidence in the day of judgment**; because **as He is, so also are we** in this world. ¹⁸ **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear**, because **fear involves punishment**, and the **one who fears is not perfected in love**. ¹⁹ **We love, because He first loved us**. ²⁰ If someone says, **“I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar**; for the **one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen**. ²¹ And this **commandment we have from Him**, that the **one who loves God should love his brother also**.

ALL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ARE NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE, 1995 UPDATE, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

<http://www.sbcreformed.org>

pastor_anthony@metrocast.net

(603) 520-4801
