

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION – PART VII

{Sunday, July 19, 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.**

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2 Timothy 3:12-17

¹² Indeed, **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.**

Matthew 5:10-16

¹⁰ **Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness,** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ **Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.**

¹² "Rejoice and be glad, for **your reward in heaven is great**; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

¹⁶ **Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.**

John 15:18-24

¹⁸ "If **the world hates you,** you know that **it has hated Me before it hated you.**

¹⁹ "If you were **of the world,** the world would love **its own**; but because **you are not of the world,** but **I chose you out of the world,** because of this **the world hates you.** ²⁰ "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.** ²¹ "But all these things they will do to you **for My name's sake,** because **they do not know the One who sent Me.** ²² "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ **He who hates Me hates My Father also.** ²⁴ "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now **they have both seen and hated Me and My Father** as well.

¹³ But **evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.**

¹⁴ You, however, **continue in the things you have learned** and **become convinced of,** knowing **from whom you have learned them,**

¹⁵ and that from childhood **you have known the sacred writings** which are **able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

¹⁶ **All Scripture is inspired by God** and **profitable** for **teaching,** for **reproof,** for **correction,** for **training in righteousness;** ¹⁷ so that the **man of God** may be **adequate,** **equipped** for every **good work.**

Ephesians 2:7-10

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.**

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