

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION – PART IX

{Sunday, August 2, 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 eternal life in Christ}.
- **Overcoming the world** {the final triumph of The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **King of kings and Lord of lords, The Kingdom of God, The Church and The Gospel.**
- **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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The Exclusivity of Jesus Christ.

John 1:12-13

¹² But **as many as received Him**, to them He gave the right to **become children of God**, *even to those who believe in His name*, ¹³ who were **born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

John 3:3

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again** he **cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

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.*

John 5:24

²⁴ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me**, **has** eternal life, and **does not come into judgment**, but **has passed out of death** into life.

1 John 3:14

¹⁴ We know that we **have passed out of death** into life, because **we love the brethren**. He who does not love abides in death.

1 John 5:1-5

¹ **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.** ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when **we love God and observe His commandments**. ³ For **this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments**; and His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world**; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith**. ⁵ **Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

Revelation 12:10-11

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, **"Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come**, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ "And **they overcame him** because of **the blood of the Lamb** and because of **the word of their testimony**, and **they did not love their life even when faced with death**.

Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself. ¹³ *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God**. ¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. ¹⁵ From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶ And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, **"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."**

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**; **no one comes** to the Father **but through Me**.

Acts 4:12

¹² "And **there is salvation in no one else**; for **there is no other name under heaven** that has been given **among men** by which **we must** be saved."

1 John 5:11-12

¹¹ And the testimony is this, that **God has given us eternal life**, and **this life is in His Son**. ¹² **He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life**.

1 John 5:13

¹³ These things I have written to **you who believe in the name of the Son of God**, so that **you may know that you have eternal life**.

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who is against us?** . . . ³³ Who will bring a charge **against God's elect?** **God is the one who justifies**; ³⁴ who is the **one who condemns?** . . .

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.

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