

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION – PART X

{Sunday, August 9, 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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2 John 1:7-11

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world,

those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the **antichrist.** ⁸ Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

⁹ Anyone who goes too far and **does not abide in the teaching of Christ,** **does not have God;** the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and **does not bring this teaching,** **do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting;**

¹¹ for **the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.**

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

³ But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness,

your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

⁴ For **if one comes and preaches another Jesus** whom we have not preached, or you receive **a different spirit** which you have not received, or **a different gospel** which you have not accepted, you bear *this* **beautifully.**

{KJV: ye might well bear with him. MLV: you were tolerating him well. ESV: you put up with it readily enough. NET: you put up with it well enough!} {moral, rightness}

Galatians 1:6-9

⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for **a different gospel**; ⁷ **which is really not another**;

only there are some who are disturbing you and want to **distort the gospel of Christ**.

⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you **a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you**, **he is to be accursed!**

⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, **if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received**, **he is to be accursed!**

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.

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