

# 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> JOHN

## INTRODUCTION PART XIV

Theme: SUNDAY September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 A.D.

- ✓ **Eyewitness testimony** regarding **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 sisters 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 of 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**: begin with Christ’s 1<sup>st</sup> coming and ends with His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.
- ✓ **Eternal life** in Christ.
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- (Part 1 of 2)
- ✓ **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 just as all verses of Scripture; (OT, NT, The Gospels, The Epistles, The words of Christ)**

- **Because God and His Word are: 1.) Truth itself. 2.) Eternally sovereign and endure forever 3.) Therefore, must not be separated, added to, misrepresented, or reduced. 4.) Will be our judge on the last day. 5.) And therefore must be received and believed as the words of the true and living God.**
- **Because all Scripture is the means of God’s grace given to His church by which we are commanded to guard ourselves from idols.**

**1 John 2: 15-17 (Theme focus passages); 1 John 5:20b- 21**

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life is not from the Father, but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world is passing away, and also its lusts; **but the one who does the will of God lives forever...**<sup>5:20b-21</sup>**This is the true God and eternal life.** <sup>21</sup>**Little children, guard yourselves from idols.**

## 1Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2:13

<sup>9</sup>..., and how **you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God**, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come. <sup>2:13</sup>For this reason we also constantly thank God that when **you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.**

## Genesis 3: 1-7

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, **“Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”** ...

## Exodus 20:1-7

...<sup>3</sup>, **“You shall have no other gods before Me. <sup>4</sup> “ You shall not make for yourselves an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God am a jealous God,...”** <sup>7</sup>**“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,...**

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Heidelberg Q 95: What is Idolatry? A 95: Idolatry is having or inventing something in which to put our trust instead of, or in addition to, the only true God who has revealed Himself in His word.

An idol is anything which usurps the place of God in the hearts of his rational creatures (Webster 1828)

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## Matthew 3:16-4:4

<sup>16</sup>After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold the heavens were opened, and he (John the Baptist) saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, <sup>17</sup>**and behold a voice out of heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”** <sup>4:1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to Him, **“If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”** <sup>4</sup>But **He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”**

## 2 Timothy 3: 15-17

<sup>15</sup>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. **<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

## 2 Peter 1:12-2:2 (read all)

...<sup>20</sup>**But know this first of all, that no prophesy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

<sup>2:1</sup>But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be maligned.