

1st, 2nd & 3^r JOHN

INTRODUCTION PART XV

Theme: SUNDAY September 20th, 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 1st coming and ends with His 2nd coming.
- ✓ **Eternal life** in Christ.

(Part 2 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)**

Review (Part 1)

- 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

¹⁵Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. ¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷The world is passing away, and also its lusts; **but the one who does the will of God lives forever...^{5:20b-21}This is the true God and eternal life.** ²¹**Little children, guard yourselves from idols.**

1Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2:13

⁹..., 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. ^{2:13}**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.**

Part 2: < The truth about Christ and the truth about fallen mankind >

- **Christology: (The Truth about Christ; His Person and His work), is the power of God for salvation to all who believe.**
- **Self- examination/ confession: (do not produce regeneration but result from regeneration)**

John 1:12-13

...¹³**who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

Romans 10: 17

¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and **hearing by the word of Christ.**

Matthew 13:9-13; (parable of the soils)

...⁹He who has ears, let him hear”

John 10: 1-42; (Ezekiel 34)

...²But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the doorkeeper opens, and **the sheep hear his voice,** and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...

⁷So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly I say to you, **I am the door** of the sheep...⁹I am the door; if anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹**I am the good shepherd;** the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep...¹⁴I am the good shepherd, and **I know My own and My own know Me,** ¹⁵even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep...¹⁶...**and they will hear My voice;** and they will become one flock with one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again...¹⁸**I have authority** to lay it down, and **I have authority** to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father...²⁶**But you do not believe because you are not My sheep.** ²⁷**My sheep hear My voice,** and **I know them,** and **they follow Me;** ²⁸**and I give eternal life to them,** and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹**My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all;** and no one is able to ³⁰**snatch them out of the Father’s hand.** ³⁰**I and the Father are one.”**

John 5:24-25

²⁵Truly, truly I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when **the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,** and those who hear will live...

1 John 4:4-6 (Theme Focus passage)

⁴You are from God little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. ⁵**They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.**

⁶We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. **By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

Matthew 13: 23 (Parable of the soils explained)

²³And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who **hears** the word and **understands** it; **who indeed bears fruit** and brings forth, some a hundred fold, some sixty, and some thirty.