

BIBLE THOUGHTS Nov 23 to Dec 22, 2009

Nov 23, 2009

1John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we saw, and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life

That which was from the beginning is Jesus Christ, from the beginning of the founding of the world and the Apostles chosen by Christ Jesus at the start of his earthly ministry. The Apostle John was there as a first hand witness of the eventful years when the Son of God walked our earth among humanity. He saw with his own eyes and touched the Son of God with his own hands, how powerful of message John had for those that wanted to know the Word of life Jesus Christ.

Yes, Jesus Christ is the Word of life, we know that Jesus Christ is the Word of God his words sustain life although many believe from religious teachings that the scriptures is the word of God not Jesus Christ. However, the scriptures are about Jesus Christ the “Word”, in Jesus Christ is the fullness of all wisdom, and power, by Holy Spirit of God. Nothing lacks in Christ Jesus all things for this life and the next life exist in him.

The Apostle John had seen and touched his Lord and Master; he would not supplant the living Word of God the mighty spirit person written in his heart by the finger of God for his letters written through the Holy Spirit, no indeed, he would uphold that which he had intimate association with in his flesh and now also through the Holy Spirit. John was writing because Christ Jesus is the King of Eternity, living, full of dynamic power; his writings were from the mouth of his Lord and Master for the eternal lives of those that wanted to know the Living Spirit person of Jesus Christ.

Nov 24, 2009

1John.1:2 (and the life was revealed, and we have seen, and testify, and declare to you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was revealed to us);

The center piece of all God’s purposes is Jesus Christ; he is life, not just life, but eternal life, he was with the Father and revealed to the Apostles as the Son of God. All hope for the human race rest upon the life of Christ Jesus.

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For thousands of years the nation of Israel waited for “the life” to be revealed to them.

Although there hopes for an earthly king with power to free them from the Roman Empire was disappointed, those of them accepting the life found surpassing glory, underserved, kindness, and eternal life revealed too them in Son of God.

Christ Jesus was freeing them for something no government on earth had the power to do, he was freeing them from curse of the Law condemning them as sinner deserving of death. This power Christ Jesus demonstrated as king of kings in a greater spiritual kingdom surpassing all glories of earth kingdoms, freeing the human race into eternal life in paradise with him and His Father.

Christ Jesus was not adding new wine to old wine skins, in other words, his kingdom is new, and nothing of the old kingdoms of earth will be taken or used in the heavenly Kingdom of Christ Jesus. He will free earthly subjects from oppression, disease, sickness, and death under his Kingdom this will require the removal of sin from the human race, and that which exposed it the Old Law and its judgment. In turn Christ Jesus will perfect his subject in love, so at long last the human race will live in eternal peace and happiness.

Nov 25, 2009

1John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us. Yes, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

The Apostle John shared what he had seen, touched personally and knew about in walking with the Son of God while here on earth. This personal contact had a powerful effect on those that John shared his knowledge with, so much so that they too would have fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.

John shared his faith with others including brothers and sisters, but above all he shared his fellowship with God and his Son, his knowledge went beyond legalistic dispersing of information, his knowledge was spiritual, touching his listener with supernatural understanding of God, how? Love is not material it is spiritual expressed in words and actions that transform ordinary logic into emotion of devotion and faith, loyalty, and love for God.

The Apostle John life was connected directly to the Spirit Heavens where his Lord and Master Jesus Christ gave him Revelations of things to come. John above all knew of the heavenly Jerusalem above; he had seen it in vision certainly he did not see things in a tangible material form, through eyes of flesh, seeking the mundane hopes of this world, no! But, rather in the next world too come full of spiritual glories. John's message is highly spiritualizes, expressing hope to his brothers and sisters, while at the same time putting them in direct relationship to those Spirit fill heavens where the reality of their faith held the promise of eternal life.

Nov 26, 2009

1John 1:4 And we write these things to you, that our joy may be fulfilled.

God children have a joy that does not come from this world; it is a fruit that comes from above through the power of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit joy overcomes all earthly evils and rejoices when one turns to God in sincere love. John was writing to the children of God, each one precious chosen by God from the founding of world.

All children of God are but one in the body of Christ Jesus, the same body that supplies the fruits of the Spirit to all other body members - as one. Joy is experience in the whole body as John shares his precious life saving message from the head Christ Jesus with it members. Reminding each member that understanding God and Christ Jesus in their purist spiritual form will only bring Holiness to all members.

This is John's deepest desire and the completion of his joy that all be in united through love, that all are marked with the true mark of Christ Jesus followers in love, not knowledge, but love that will brings them without blemish and in Holiness before there Heavenly Father.

Nov 27, 2009

1John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

There is no darkness in God, what is darkness too God, sin! God does not sin nor is there sin in Him. God is light, the source of all life, there are no shadow of darkness in His perfect light, He is not flesh and blood as we are, changing with whims do to human sin and failures. No he is light and calls Himself love. Yes, God is love, which is the apex of perfect light, pure in its riches form, eternal life, beyond which there is nothing more to be added or taken away.

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No man has seen God at anytime accept Jesus Christ, why because He is perfect light so that any sinful person beholding him perishes. God does change in His everlasting love, there is no darkness in him, darkness is found in us because of our sin. Only good comes down from the Father of lights perfect in mercy and justice. Thus, the message about Him cannot change, it is humans that changes and pervert truths about God, but God's light is pure and will never change. He does not live in fear because He is love and fear does not exist in love.

When we understand this we have a perfect hope that will not be disappointed by sin, others, Satan, or ourselves. We can rest in God's unchangeable love although we grow old, get sick, and pass away as a flower of the field God's love endures forever. This message will never change about God it is the same message from the beginning of time when Satan deceived our first parents that this messages was a lie. It is the message John shared with those early lovers of God, it is the only message that connects us too God, love, and it is how we pass over from death to life in Christ Jesus.

Nov 28, 2009

1John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and don't tell the truth.

Truth is light, and Jesus Christ is Truth! Darkness is all life outside of Christ Jesus, eternal life comes through Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God is Jesus Christ, he is the resurrection and the life, the first and last. Our good works come through Jesus Christ as part of his body these are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, Christ Jesus is the true vine we are the branches we can produce nothing of value outside of the true vine:

John15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 15:2 Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

15:3 You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

15:4 Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me. 15:5 I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 15:6 If a man doesn't remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

When we do good works out of self-well we are in darkness, and when we call them good works in the name of Christ Jesus we are in darkness and a liar.

Many think of darkness as especially evil works, but they are not, God considers those not knowing His Son Christ Jesus as in darkness. As Christians when we are part of the world instead part of Christ Jesus we are in darkness, rather than tying Jesus Christ name to our worldly needs, and wants let us ask for forgiveness and walk in the light. Nor should we justify our pursuits for riches as light, it is much easier for people to walk in darkness pursuing material things than walking in the light. Are example is always watched by those not knowing God and His Son may we not become darkness to them instead of giving them the light through Jesus Christ the true vine in us.

Nov 30, 2009

1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Have you ever thought, that at our very best, we still need to be cleansed by the blood of Christ Jesus? Well if we are walking in the light the blood of Christ Jesus cleanses us from all sin, what is the light? Under the Old Law the Law itself was the light:

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

But since Jesus Christ enter the world as the Son of God replacing the Law through his righteousness he is the light: John 8:12 Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. { Isaiah 60:1 } He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

So if we are "in" Christ Jesus we are "in" the light now, and the light produces fruitage of the light:

Eph.5:9 (for the fruit of the light [is] in all goodness and righteousness and truth,) We are cleansed if we are in the light by the blood of Christ Jesus, how? When we accept Christ Jesus we become part of him as a member of his body we are then in the light because he is light.

There is no other way in heaven or earth to be in the light and receive the cleansing of our sins, those wanting to go back to the Old light of Law, gets some benefit, but they are not walking in the light and being forgiven their sin through the blood of Christ Jesus. They do not have the fellowship with God, His Son Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; nor can they have fellowship with the body of Christ Jesus for it is in the light.

Dec 01, 2009

1John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Why should there be confusion among the early Christian if they had sin or not? Well it is because God's Children are declared righteous by being part of the body of Christ Jesus, in other words, if Jesus Christ is righteous, and we are grafted into the body of Christ Jesus then we receive the righteousness of Christ Jesus; so if we are declared righteous, do we have sin any longer?

Jesus Christ righteousness fulfilled the Old Law, so he is the only one to have ever lived that is declared righteous according to the Old Law, thus, Christ removed the penalty of the Old Law, which is death, so all in Christ Jesus now have life. But he did not remove the sin of Adam from our bodies under going a physical death. Christ Jesus perfect life is sown in our corruptible body of death, which creates a war of life and death in us, or sin and righteousness, we are both. This is our training that we undergo while on earth; it is the perfecting of our faith in God's forgiving grace.

Some in John's day were teaching they were no longer sinners because of Christ Jesus, they were deceived, how? In that their sinless standing according to the Old Law was a gift from God, not because of any good works of their own. God was no longer convicting, accounting their transgression against them under the Old Law, that is, because of Jesus Christ righteousness. However, our daily sins of their flesh needed God forgiveness through Christ Jesus as our High Priest. What are these daily sins? These are sins against love for one another, the lack thereof, not sins against the Old Law.

None of us can live perfect under the Law of love without forgiveness through Christ Jesus, and this is why we are being perfected in love, and much more so, this is why we are made holy and without blemish through love.

Dec 02, 2009

1John1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Does love cause us to confess our sins? When we hurt someone we truly love the most natural thing we do is to ask for their forgiveness, for the hurt we have caused them, and if the person loves us they want to forgive us. And this is why love covers a

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of sins. On the other hand, if we see the forgiver as a judge and jury enforcing the law we hid our sins waiting to be found out. You see, love is more concerned with the person we hurt than looking bad, love does not count the cost of looking bad.

When Christian organizations enforce the law, they have no trust in their brothers and sisters love for God, and one another. Openly confessing our sins requires love, nothing but love will cause a person to admit from their heart they have hurt someone, but above all God. The Apostle John's deepest concern was that his brothers and sister knew the love of God, not the love of law. This is the problem for those under rules and law their sins are constantly being exposed, creating fear do to failure, knowing their best is not good enough. But there is no fear in love. God is Love, not law, love covers sins, and does not hold them against us, love is sad for the sinner knowing that person is disappointed for hurting us and God, and our love for the person does not want to burden them further through condemnation.

John remember Jesus word to him that the identifying mark of his followers would be love, however, we were warned in the last day men would be without love, claiming to be Christ Jesus followers, and from these we were told to turn away from:

2Tim.3:1 But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come. 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3:3 without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, 3:4 traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 3:5 holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof. Turn away from these, also.

Love and the Old Law does not mix, why? For those confessing their sins openly before teachers of law will receive their judgment from the law without mercy, and their sins cannot be forgotten; tossed into the sea and remember no more:

Micah 7:19 He will yet again have compassion on us, he will tread under foot our iniquities: and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

1John 1:10 If we say that we haven't sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Now John elevates his discussion to heaven where our sins offend and hurt the God of

love, no one that loves someone wants them to be thought of as a liar, even in the corrupted unrighteous world we live in people despise liars.

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Yes, we sin, and much more so we know there is nothing good that dwells in our sinful flesh, past on too us by Adam. We long to be perfect in love, and not to hurt others, but we cannot, so why should we lie and make Christ Jesus a liar? Yes, all that Christ Jesus suffered and did for us is nothing if we teach others we are without sin.

Sin causes death and we are dying, Christ Jesus as the High Priest is removing Adam sin from the human race and restoring paradise where death, pain, and sorrow will be no more, a new heavens and earth. If we claim though, we have no sin then all is a lie a mere fancy created by God to enslave the human race to His rule. Nothing could be more hurtful to the God of love, who loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son in order too forgive our sins.

Although God's teachings about sin have been confusing for Christian they are nonetheless true. 1.) Sin of Adam passed on to the human race, 2.) The Old Law exposing and conviction us of Adams sin, 3.) Christ Jesus blood, fulfilling the Old Law; removing it penalty against us, 4.) Christ Jesus heavenly ministry (as High Priest) completely removing the affects of Adam sin from the human race

Dec 03, 2009

1John 2:1 My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, we have a Counselor{Greek Parakleton: Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, and Comfortor.} with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous.

We must become young children to enter into the kingdom of the heavens, The Apostle John was not setting himself up as the Father to those in the congregation of God:

Matt. 23:8 But don't you be called 'Rabbi,' for one is your teacher, the Christ, and all of you are brothers. 23:9 Call no man on the earth your father, for one is your Father, he who is in heaven. 23:10 Neither be called masters, for one is your master, the Christ. 23:11 But he who is greatest among you will be your servant. 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

John was simply reminding his brothers and sisters of the child-like love that is needed for their Heavenly Father and each other to stop sinning against one another. Moreover, if they did sin they were not to look to man to forgive their sins, no, they had a helper

far superior than any earthly agent; Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit as their Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, and Comforter.

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They were God's children not some mans, or organization children; God provides all things for His Children as a good Father does. What they needed was a child-like faith in the Fathers love for them, this message is still timely, in that, so many Christians follow great leaders thinking if only they could hear my problems; my problems would be solved. These weak Christians believe that some person is in a better position with God than they are. Sadly, they fail to understand the power of their own position in Jesus Christ as a precious Child of God.

Dec 04, 2009

1John 2:2 And he is the atoning sacrifice{"atoning sacrifice" is from the Greek "hilasmos," an appeasing, propitiating, or the means of appeasement or propitiation--the sacrifice that turns away God's wrath because of our sin.} for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

Not one particle of the Old Law could be removed, no! That's right it stands like a wall against us, nothing in the human power can remove God's Law that creates wrath for us. Sadly, many Christians put more faith and power in people or groups than the powerful gift of Jesus Christ that removed God's wrath from us.

Matt.5:17 "Don't think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I didn't come to destroy, but to fulfill. 5:18 For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter{literally, iota} or one tiny pen stroke{or, serif} shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.

The Apostle John knew that the Old Law would creep in after the Apostles past on and his brothers and sisters would be overcome with weeds of self-righteousness by Law, rather than the love of God, if they did not squarely understand the power given them in the atoning blood of Christ Jesus. The gift of Jesus Christ is so powerful that it is like a precious gem that all want to get their hands upon. People and nations have lust for this power to gain wealth and control through governments over people's lives. Yet, the precious gift of Jesus life is free; no one in heaven or earth can deny a person in whatever position or condition they are in of God's forgiveness through the merit of Christ Jesus blood.

Nothing is more important than your life in God's eyes, he has spared nothing to redeem you not even His own Son.

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Jesus warned that robbers would come stealing the gift of his life, and dole it out through doctrine of men claiming God's rights in determining who is worthy of God's love through Jesus Christ. May we never fall victim to the loss of God's love and the power of our atonement through Jesus Christ by pleasing men.

Dec 05, 2009

1John 2:3 This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments.

When you think of God's commandments, which ones do you think about? Well if your mind runs wild in the many creeds of your faith it is not surprising. Actually the whole of God's commandments can be summed up simply in this:

Rom.13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not give false testimony," "You shall not covet,"{TR adds "You shall not give false testimony,"}{Exodus 20:13-15,17; Deuteronomy 5:17-19,21} and whatever other commandments there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."{Leviticus 19:18} 13:10 Love doesn't harm a neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

The identifying mark of the Apostle John's sisters and brothers was love, if they walked in love they would not sin, why? Well simply put they would be "in" Christ Jesus and his atoning blood would cover their sins. In other words, they would not practice sin as those without the constant appeasement or propitiation- of Jesus Christ blood.

But for many Christians the blood of Christ Jesus is not enough they want to compound the commandments into many through works of law, rules, and doctrine; sadly they suffer greatly in lack of love for one another in judgments. Which Christ Jesus removed for us through his life. Moreover, many see the verse above and panic in their hearts knowing they are not able to keep all the commandments of a their group. Although many have taught that John was teaching the Old Law commandments here, or at least the "principle" of the Old Law, he was not, John taught nothing but love, which is the fulfillment of all the commandments.

Dec 06, 2009

1John 2:4 One who says, "I know him," and doesn't keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth isn't in him.

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We are told that all people are liars:

Rom. 3:11 There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after God. 3:13 "Their throat is an open tomb. With their tongues they have used deceit." {Psalm 5:9} "The poison of vipers is under their lips;" {Psalm 140:3} 3:14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." {Psalm 10:7}

But the Apostle John is not talking about those without Jesus Christ, he is speaking to the heart of Christians not walking in love the fulfillment of all commandments of God, if we are not walking in love we are liars, if we teach something other than love we are no better off than the world.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another.

John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Do you know how we walk in love? We walk in love when we walk in God's Holy Spirit, because God is love. How do we do that? By being "in" Christ Jesus, in other words, Christ Jesus fulfilled the Old Law of many commandments causing God wrath against us. Because Jesus Christ life has been given us as a gift of love by God, we are thus, found in God's love, which is Christ Jesus.

We are not left alone, God writes upon our hearts with His Holy Spirit the Law of Love. He further helps us to walk in love through the same power; as his children. Nothing within John's words suggest that we self-will ourselves into obeying thousands of rules and commandments outside of love.

Dec 07, 2009

1John 2:5 But whoever keeps his word, God's love has most certainly been perfected in him. This is how we know that we are in him:

How are we perfected? Many think by obeying certain rules closer will make them perfect and closer to God, but John tells us it is through love, why? Love fulfills the

Law, without love the Law is meaningless, it cannot be understood accepts in judgment:

1Cor.13:1 If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 13:2 If I have the gift of

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prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to

remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing. 13:3 If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.

There is no fear in love, fear of what? God's judgment against us, God is love, Christ Jesus is God love towards us, and so if we are in Christ Jesus we have no judgment against us. This however, is the quagmire that ones finds themselves in when they want more than Jesus Christ and his power. They read the words above and think of all the judgments and commands in God's word, failing to realize Jesus Christ is the Word of God and all that was written in the bible was "fulfilled" in him, leaving nothing undone.

It has been completed in Jesus Christ, what is required of us is humility in walking in love, remaining in the child-like faith believing that God will take care of all the rest as He does the lily of the field and the birds of the heaven, such little faith required, but will it be found on earth when Jesus Comes?

Dec 08, 2009

1John 2:6 he who says he remains in him ought himself also to walk just like he walked.

How did Jesus Christ walk? **2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

Yes, Jesus walked in faith and love, the two are inseparable, you cannot have one without the other, truth faith does not exist without love, love is the purist form of trust it is absolute belief that the person love us enough that we can put our lives completely in their hands.

Jesus was the greatest example of faith and love towards his Father and this is how he walked. But to walk in faith we must also walk by the Holy Spirit, why? **Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit.**

It is the Holy Spirit that makes us children of God, It is the Holy Spirit that writes the

New Commandment of love on our hearts, and it is the Holy Spirit that gives us faith. But are we walking in the light as Jesus was the light? Yes, provided we walk in the Jesus Christ who is the light: **Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. John 8:12**

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Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.{Isaiah 60:1} He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

Spirit, light, love, and faith are all connected, one leads to the other, Jesus set the example he did not walk in the Law, nor should we, when we walk in faith and love we fulfill all of the commandments so when we fail daily we are assured God's love triumphs over judgment through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Dec 09, 2009

1John 2:7 Brothers, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.

What is the beginning John speaks of here? Well it is the beginning of Apostle spiritual lives with Jesus Christ, the start of the New Commandment of love Christ Jesus instituted with his disciples. Many groups takes John's words here as going back to the Law of Moses, but this is erroneous thinking. Christ Jesus gave his life for the love of His Father. God gave Jesus Christ His Son because of His love for the world. Christ Jesus fulfilled the Old Law and established the but "one commandment of love", John was not bring back the Old Law or adding too Jesus words.

No, we do not need the Old commandments as Christians today, what we need more then ever is the original message of Jesus Christ; we should walk in love, in his new commandment of love.

Love is the purity of perfection there is nothing higher to reach for through commandments. Although the sinful flesh see love as weak one must remember the God we sever calls Himself "love", and He alone is the perfectas of our faith through Jesus Christ. Without love we cannot be perfected in faith or know God.

Dec 10, 2010

1John 2:8 Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in

him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth.

Jesus Christ is the true light in him there is no darkness, darkness come to us if we are separated from God; what separates us from God? Certainly not God's love, and certainly not Jesus Christ.

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There can only be one answer sin, sin is a condition passed on to us by Adam, Adam is no where called light; he passed on darkness too us.

So we can come to the light, and walk in the light if we accept Jesus Christ, once we do we must continue in the light as it exposes all darkness in us. Yes, painful as it maybe at times, we must never forget the new commandment of love or we cannot withstand the fire!

If however, we choose to walk in the Old Law we will not withstand the fire of exposure by the light. We will find wrath and a curse, not love of God. It is the Old Law that creates enmity between us and God : “the new commandment, which is true in him (Jesus Christ) is the commandment of love, “new” in this case compared to the Old Commandments given Moses.

1Pet.4:12 Beloved, don't be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you.

4:13 But because you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy.

Dec 11, 2009

1John 2:9 He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now.

Can we be in Christ Jesus (the light) and hate anyone? No! We cannot, our sinful flesh cannot separate the person from the sinful act, so the flesh destroys the person. God on the other hand separates the two, hating the act, not the person, but He is Spirit and Truth. If we are in the light, we do the same, because Jesus Christ is our head, and through him as our head the will of God is being done. We then are in harmony with God's well walking in the Spirit with Jesus Christ.

The flesh under the Old Law does not walk in the light, it must punish the sinner with Law discipline or death, it cannot divide the soul and spirit of a person and value their eternal life over the punishment. And this is why John made his statement above, that is, you cannot hate your brother and be in the light!

We cannot demand punishment under the Old Law, and then expect God's love toward us under the new commandment of love, the two are incompatible, we cannot say we are in the light (Jesus Christ) and punish other with the Old Law, it just makes us a liar.

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Dec 12, 2009

1John 2:10 He who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no occasion for stumbling in him.

Jesus Christ is the corner stone of the New Jerusalem above, many will stumble over him because they are in darkness hating their brothers through the Law. Those on the other hand walking in the light (Jesus Christ) will have no stumbling block before them they see by love not by Law which condemn and judges their brothers and sisters. Love is the perfect bond of union for those in the body of Christ Jesus, it is the personality of their God, the world cannot know this love, and it looks foolish, and weak to those not knowing our God..

The Law on the other hand appears powerful in the eyes of the flesh, although they stumble over and take offense at God's love in Jesus Christ: still love never fails. It is the most powerful thing in our universe, it never forget a bird that falls to the ground, or a hair of our head. Love counts the stars of the heavens and knows each one by its name. Love has the power of resurrection, and the power to brings death too nothing,

Though it be fearful to walk in love without bar or door for protection; in a world hostile to the notion of loving our enemies. Nevertheless, it is the commandment that controls our God, and His Son Christ Jesus.

Dec 13, 2009

1John 2:11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

None of us want to admit that we hate someone let alone our brother, however, the Law does justifies our hate for a brother or sister. When we draw a line in the sand according to God's Old Law (or any law) and the person cross our line we are justified by "Law" in hating or punishing the person.

Once we hate according to our justification (Law) we are blinded to God's love. In other words, the law gives us a right to hate or remove someone from our lives. In some cases the removal by our law is harsh to the point of death, or never talking to the person again.

This hatred is blindness and darkness to our God, and when we practice it we will be
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judge by it.

Yes, as the world is brought into the light of Jesus Christ those walking in darkness will be exposed as hypocrites practicing the very things they condemn others for by law. They will stumble and blame God, thinking they are upholding God's righteous standards in condemning their brothers and sisters according to the law. Confusion and hate will be the order of the day; blaspheming God for His punishment, while at the same time claiming they are doing God's will in judging according to Law.

Dec 14, 2009

1John 2:12 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

Do we hate at times according to our laws, yes, we do, and for this we need forgiveness. Not for our name sake, but for God's name sake, why? Because we have been pardoned from our judgment under law, we have been given a clean slate “in” Jesus Christ. It is not about our righteousness under the law.

It is about God's gift of “undeserved kindness”, which is Jesus Christ. So it is about Jesus Christ name; what he has done for us. It is about our being a part (a member) of him, it is his name that is hurt when we sin in our heart hating one another. It is about denying his name not ours because we represent him, and not ourselves on earth. It is God's love for His Son Christ Jesus that He forgives us our sins.

We are dead in Christ Jesus, we are made alive in Christ Jesus, we are but a slave in Christ Jesus, a part of his many body members. It is because of Jesus Christ righteousness that we were forgiven our sin according to the Law that condemned us to death. And last and most important; it is why God forgives us our lack of love for one another.

Dec 15, 2009

1 John 2:13 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, little children, because you know the Father.

Nature/God creation teaches us that a good tree produce good fruit this is not a mystery in God's creation, in that, when we plant corn seed we get corn back.

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But some how in Christian faith things become a mystery, and we confuse ourselves with many words.

A good fruit tree does not wring its hands worrying that it will produce good fruit, nor does a seed of corn wonder "am I really corn"? Yet, Christians do, which is foolish, they need nothing written to them about God's love which is written in their hearts. They been conceived by God's Holy Spirit, and placed into a good fruit tree "Jesus Christ". Does worry change their nature, if so than God is weak, but He has promised us what ever comes from Him overcomes this world, and is stronger.

The Apostle John was not wring his hands in fear; he knew those born of God would know God without his help, how could they not they were the children of the living God, and He is a Good Father! Would He make his children fatherless through neglect? The most powerful thing in a Christians life is their becoming a Child of God; it is the beginning of the real life, not the old life of self and sin.

And this is why it is foolish for us to live in fear, or exert our personal will over some one in getting them accept Jesus Christ; it cannot be done, and will undo us.

Dec 17, 2009

1John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

This world is under the power of Satan, and he is at war with all that have the identifying mark of God's love. God's love through Christ Jesus shines as brightly as the morning star in the hearts of God's Children. It is the healing power for those walking in darkness.

God's love cannot be defeated by darkness, God created His universe to be in harmony with love, which is light, there nothing more powerful than God's love. John was not going to worry himself sick, that somehow God's love would fail his children; if he wasn't there for them, no! He knew that not one bird would fall to the ground that his

heavenly Father did not know of it.

John was not convoluting God's love with fear and control in writing to his brothers and sister, not at all! He showed complete trust in what caused him to be and them; God's love could not be extinguishes by the power of man or Satan. These children were God's children conceived before the founding of this world, they had been given personal

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communication with their Father by His Holy Spirit, and above all God bought them with the death and precious blood of His own soul, Christ Jesus, will God fail in not saving and preserving his own progeny?

Dec 15, 2009

1 John 2:15 Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him.

God loved the world so much He gave His only begotten Son to redeem it? But here we are told by the aged Apostle John not to love the world or the thing in it, why? God is the Holy Creator of us, He is Spirit and Truth, he divides the soul and spirit of each one of us, searching our hearts knowing our thoughts before we say them. God does not love the treachery of a sinful heart, or its lust. Our world is built upon rebellion against God, it was never His plan for billion up billions of people to suffer in sick, disease, and death, it was not His plan that peoples blood should ever be shred upon His foot stool our earth.

God does not love this part of our world He loves people enough to help them over come the sin of our world. Christians have a "new" birth as a "new" creation, with a "new" personality, their true home is in the "new" heaven with their heavenly Father. We cannot love sin if we are apart of Jesus Christ, we cannot then love the lust of this world, that is, the works of sinful flesh that are against God. Flesh and Spirit are opposed to each other, and at war with each other.

Gal.5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire. 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, 5:21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Where the works of the flesh are God is not, we cannot love what sinful flesh has built and at the same time have God's love be in us.

Dec 16, 2009

1John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's.

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Bring the lust of the flesh into worship of God does not make it pure and sweet to Him; claiming some of our lust is dedicated to God does not sanctify our unrighteous riches. It does not justify our loving the world in God's eyes. Many Christians today judge their standing and blessings with God by their material wealth.

Sadly these refused to understand that the show of pride from their material things, and the lust of their eyes are not from God, but of the world that God will bring to an end. So powerful is the deceptive power of riches that the Apostle John warned his brothers and sister they could trade God's love for its lust. But what is in the Father, which is worth more than the lust of our eyes and the showy display of this world?

1Cor.13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud, 13:5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; 13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

Love is God and His precious gift too us that will never perish, it is not found in any material thing, how foolish to love material things over God.

Dec 17, 2009

1John 2:17 The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever.

Do you believe this world and its lust are passing away, and those doing God's will remains forever? Those walking by flesh want to build kingdoms on earth that remain forever, although they know their time is short, their flesh drives them into building enduring foundation, corporation, libraries, something, so they are not forgotten by this

world. They are more concerned with their memory than God's will that remains forever.

Isa. 40:5 The glory of Yahweh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it." 40:6 The voice of one saying, "Cry!" One said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like the flower of the field. 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because Yahweh's breath blows on it. Surely the people are like grass.

40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever."

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James 1:10 and the rich, in that he is made humble, because like the flower in the grass, he will pass away. 1:11 For the sun arises with the scorching wind, and withers the grass, and the flower in it falls, and the beauty of its appearance perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in his pursuits.

We are but a moment in time, like a mist from a pan of water on the stove, once the stove is shut off so the mist goes. No one at death request that all their material things be brought in so they can say good bye too them before they die.

Yet, all those doing the will of our Father will not be forgotten, though they are hated and persecuted in our world the love of God remains in them forever!

Dec 18, 2009

1John 2:18 Little children, these are the end times, and as you heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now "many" antichrists have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour.

The Apostle John warns his brothers and sister there were "many" antichrist in their mist, he ties the antichrist with the love of this world (stated above in context with rest of John's letter at 1John 2:15-17). These two are synonymous, the love of our Father cannot be in those loving the world, and lust of its pride, that is, the things produce by its pride of self-well.

These are against Christ Jesus, opposed to his very being of him, and in him ,why? Jesus Christ rejected the lust of the flesh, the showy display of this worlds material things. Born in a manger, poor, rejected by the rich class, tempted by the ruler of this world Satan with kingdom power, lived and died with no place to lay his head.

There is no stronger message from God for those lusting after the love of this world. It is against Christ Jesus to do so, and against God Himself. It is much easier to think of

Antichrist as the personification of all evil in a world ruler than weeds of material lust chocking out God's love in the hearts of His children.

Matthew 13:24 He set another parable before them, saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field, 13:27 The servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where did this darnel come from?' Matthew 13:38 the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the children of the Kingdom; and the darnel weeds are the children of the evil one.

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Mark 4:13 He said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How will you understand all of the parables? 4:14 The farmer sows the word. 4:19 and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Dec 19, 2009

1John 2:19 They went out from us, but they didn't belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have continued with us. But they left, that they might be revealed that none of them belong to us.

Belonging to Christ Jesus, that is, being a part of his body as a member is real; the Apostle John was part of that intimate association with God, and Christ Jesus, in being one of many body members.

There is nothing more personal than a body part too us, we know each part of our body intimately, and do not as though having a mental illness wish evil upon an uncomely part of our body, no! We cherish and take care of a sick part of our body with gentleness and kindness. But the Apostle John here is talking about some who "claimed" to be part of the body of Christ Jesus ,and were not, or they would not have left the bodies association.

John was not talking about a Christians organization, he was, however, talking about the body of Christ Jesus, and association with its members. He further was not using words loosely, as though, the loss of a members was a little thing, not at all. He was simply stating the facts; that which is born of God is important and God Himself will see to its completion of His divine purpose for which it was created. On the other, those not born of God, are takers and fakes, wanting association with the body the true vine of God, but walking after a fleshly mind. This confusion would be cleared up in their leaving that which cannot be left by the a real body members, - Jesus Christ.

Dec 20, 2009

1John 2:20 You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.{Or, "know what is true." Or, "know all things."}

The anointing of God is not fear driven, it is not haphazard a crap shoot, no! It is done by the Holy God Jehovah that stated His word cannot fail, it will have certain success. His anointing of one of His Children was planned from the founding of our world.

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The Apostle John knew this well, he was not a fear driven conspirators claiming mystic knowledge of some secret truth his brothers and sister did not yet know, absolutely not! The anointing given by their Heaven Father guarantee them sure understanding and success in this world. Their understanding and power would come from God as it did the anointed prophets of the past, mighty in power in doing God's will. The body members of Christ Jesus were not qualify by a rabbinical school or through long hours of association with other body members.

They were placed in the body of Christ Jesus as God pleased , and for the purpose of His well upon this earth. They would know all that God revealed too them at His do time, they are loved and cherish as precious Holy body parts, feed through the blood of Christ Jesus the bread of life. Nothing is lacking in their anointing, do you have the faith of a muster seed, then it is enough?

Dec 21, 2009

1John 2:21 I have not written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

The body members of Christ Jesus know the truth, Jesus Christ is the "Truth" and they are "in" him as part of his body, how could they not know him? The Apostle John was not going to impute fear, and control of religious doctrine into the "Truth" the body of Christ Jesus, no! It not possible; Jesus is the Truth.

The body of Christ has freedom, in truth and spirit, they are created by it, living in fear that someone might be mislead by a false doctrine to the point of control was not in John's thoughts here. He was not preoccupied with wrangler over doctrine that he might protect the Truth (Jesus Christ) that he was anointed with.

A good fruit tree does wring its hands that it will produce good fruit, John living in fear would not produce good fruit, but his trust in love for His Heavenly Father would

produce much good fruit in all body members. Jesus is the good vine producing truth and righteousness

John was not throwing people out of his association because they didn't agree with his ideas. He did not live in constant fear the truth in Christ Jesus was so fragile it would be destroyed by some human being on earth. John was in the "Truth", he was in Christ Jesus the King of Eternity, the mighty King with power over life and death where fear does not exist.

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1John 2:22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the Antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.

How could a person deny their own body? Some one else body part could be rejected by the person, but it would be a rare matter for ones own body to reject ones own eye, or a hand ,or a foot, would it not? How much more so something created directly by the Heavenly Father for His will?

Yes, a body part of darkness would reject Jesus Christ body, that is, light, it would deny Christ Jesus as the Truth of God, it would thus be against the truth in Jesus Christ, it would be anti-Christ Jesus and God. This would be no great mystery for those in the light, or in Christ Jesus the "Light" it would be a daily matter of truth over darkness; the very thing God's anointing was already performing in them.

Where fear exist God does not, love throws all fear outside of God; John was not here promoting fear of a coming Anti-Christ that would take control of the body of Christ Jesus destroying the "Truth", which is the eternal everlasting King Jesus Christ himself. The Apostle John was promoting love; the power of love, that is, God. He was putting faith in God's promises in Christ Jesus; the powerful Kingdom of God in heaven where Christ Jesus is seated, and ruling from.

He was simply stating what Christ Jesus told them while on earth; weeds would over sow the field of God's anointed Children, thus, as knowledge of the Christ increased so would those rejecting him increase producing more Anti-Christ(s) in the world.

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