

NOTES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: - 4/19-20/2020

7 PM MONDAY NIGHT & 7 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS:

WE WILL CONTINUE IN CHAPTER TWO, VERSE 15 OF THE EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN!

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When I Survey The Wondrous Cross – Billy Graham Crusade Choir

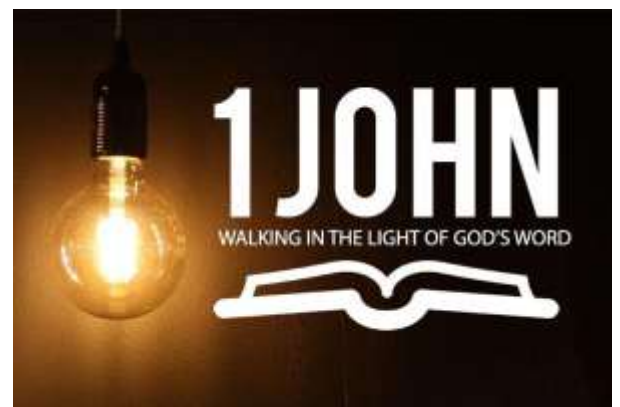
*When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Demands my soul,
my life, my all.*

THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN

- FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
- First John has been called the “Holy of Holies” of the New Testament. It takes the believer, the child of God, across the threshold into the fellowship of our Father’s house!
- A comparison or division of First John has been made that the Book of Romans deals with how we come out of the house of bondage; Ephesians is how we enter the banquet house; Hebrews is how we approach the throne of grace, but I John is how we approach His Divine Presence!
- Most people understand that the important things in life are not material things at all. God has put a desire for relationship in every one of us, a desire He intended to be met with relationships with other people, but most of all, to be met by a relationship with Him.
- In this remarkable letter, John tells us the truth about relationships - and shows us how to have relationships that are real, for both now and eternity. **The purpose of the Epistle is to bring you into relationship with God.**
- It is the “family” epistle! It’s not addressed to any person, city or church. Paul’s epistles are written primarily to churches, but this is a family epistle and should be handled that way. The church is a body of believers in the position where we are blessed, having been given that position when we



believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believing on Christ brings us into the family of God.

- In the family we have a relationship which can be broken by sin, but it is restored when “we confess our sins.” Then “*He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” (1 John 1:9)
- It is believed to have been written around 90 A.D. John was the last living apostle, who at that time was the apostle who hadn’t been martyred for Christ. John was a living eyewitness!
- The heresy of Gnosticism was gaining a foothold in the Church when John wrote this letter. The Gnostics believed that all material was evil and therefore that Jesus was not in a living body like ours. They believed that Jesus was a phantom when He lived on the Earth and didn’t have a body of flesh.
- John sought to correct the heresy by emphasizing the deity of Jesus Christ in his writings as one who was with Jesus, walking with Him and observing Him during His public ministry. We will see this testimony of the living Christ in this epistle.
- **Four verses in which state John’s purpose in writing this epistle can be summarized:**
 - **1 John 1:4 – (J-joy) That your joy may be full!**
 - **1 John 2:1 – (A-advocate) That you sin not!**
 - **1 John 2:26 – (D-deception) That you be not deceived-prevent heresy!**
 - **1 John 5:13 – (E-eternal life) That you may know that you have eternal life!**
- Phrases and Words frequently used in 1 John: *he who* – 30x; *we know* – 16x; *if we* – 10x; *by this we know* – 8x; *if we say* – 3x
- Words: *God* - 57x; *know (known)* – 37x; *love* – 36x; *Son of God* – 23x; *if* – 21x; *sin* – 21x; *commandment* – 14x; *life* – 13x; *have written* – 13 x; *Jesus* – 11x; *believe* – 10x; *Holy Spirit* – 7x; *light* – 5x.

1 JOHN 2:15-1 John 3:1-3

ABIDING IN CHRIST

Chapter 2:15 is continuing from chapter 2:14:

Let us review Chapter 1; Chapter 2:1-14

The Word of Life

1Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—

1Jn 1:2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

1Jn 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1Jn 1:4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

Walking in the Light

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

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1Jn 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.

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

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate:

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1Jn 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1Jn 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1Jn 2:4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jn 2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

1Jn 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

The New Commandment:

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

1Jn 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

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

1Jn 2:10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

1Jn 2:11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1Jn 2:12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

1Jn 2:13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

1Jn 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Do Not Love the World

1Jn 2:15 Do not love (agape) **the world** (emphatic! - stop considering the world precious!) **or the things in the world.** (Rom 12:2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father (finds no room in you) **is not in him.** (Jn 14:23) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

(Jas 4:4) Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

- Is there any part of us that considers the world precious? "World" doesn't refer to nature but to the worldly system created by man, man's standards and values, whose prince is the Devil,

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. (Ecc 5:10-11) He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity. [11] When goods

increase, They increase who eat them; So, what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes?

- This is the world we're not to love: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes (the desire to see that which is perverse), and the pride of life (the desire to rule over others). Satan used these three things to tempt Eve, as well as Jesus! Jesus showed us there that we don't have to be anything but a man, who is walking in the light, submitted to God's Word, to defeat Satan!

1Jn 2:17 And the world is passing (presently passing - disintegrating) ***away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (1Co 7:31) and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.***

- The **things of the world, promises of it's immediate fulfillment, are always followed by misery, death and destruction and will pass away.** We all must look down the road we're on and see its end result! Where will we spend eternity? The story of Lot; drug addiction; illicit romantic experiences. (**2 Peter 3:11**) *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,*

Warning Concerning Antichrists (Opponents-anti- instead of, the Messiah) - Truth and Error

1Jn 2:18 Little children, (Joh 21:5) Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, (1Pe 4:7) But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers.

- ***Last hour*** (end times, "latter times" or "last days," i.e., the time period between the first and second comings of Christ) – We are to always be ready for His Second Coming, His return to set up His Kingdom here on earth! Three things are accomplished when the church focuses on His imminent return! 1. Urgency to get the gospel out! 2. It puts the right perspective on the things of the world, keeping a light touch on material things. 3. It gives us a desire for purity! – To be ready for His return!

even now many antichrists (those manifesting hostility against Christ or magnifying themselves instead of Christ, always demeaning who He is) ***have come, (2Th 2:3) Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,*** Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, ACLU and others have been so welcomed

in our schools, courts, government. Jesus Christ and “one nation, under God” have been excluded!

by which we know that it is the last hour (last time- the age that we live in, when only the church can participate in the Holy Communion). (2Jn 1:7) *For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. (1Ti 4:1) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,*

- Many false prophets and teachers are deceiving people today. (Mat 24:11) *Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. (2Pe 2:3) By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time, their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. (2Pe 2:14) having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices and are accursed children.*

1Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; (Deu 13:13) 'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" —which you have not known— for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out (Mat 24:24) For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. (1Co 11:19) For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

- A healthy church can purge itself of poisons.

Deceptions of the Last Hour

1Jn 2:20 But you have (now) an anointing (an unction- Every believer in Jesus Christ our Savior has already been anointed by the Holy One, who has given each one the Holy Spirit as the moment they believed! God has placed the Holy Spirit upon your life! knowing what is false and what is true concerning the Spirit.) (2Co 1:21) *Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,*

from the Holy One, (Act 3:14) But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

and you know all things (possess the resource for knowing the truth). (Joh 16:13) *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

- The word "**know**" here comes from a Greek word (*eidō, oida*) meaning to know by intuition. We know some things intuitively by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. This is a real protection against false teaching! The eternal Holy Spirit of God comes into our lives! How great is that?

1 Jn 2:21 *I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, (You know this intuitively, but be on guard!) but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth* (consistent with Christianity). You have the truth. Stick with it! (**Acts 17:11**) *These (the Bereans) were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. They received willingly. Then they put it to the test by proving it to themselves by searching the Scriptures!*

1Jn 2:22 *Who is a liar but he who denies that (2Jn 1:7) For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

Jesus is the Christ (The promised Messiah)? **He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.** (**Dan 11:37**) *He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. (1Jn: 4:3) and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

1Jn 2:23 *Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either;* (It is only by the Son of God that the Father is made known to people. You cannot have One without the Other. That is how the Father sees things); (**Joh 15:23**) *He who hates Me hates My Father also. (Joh 5:23) that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.*

he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. (All who have just views of the Saviour are in fact acquainted with the true God and are heirs of eternal life). (**1Jn 4:15**) *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1Jn 5:1) Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.*

SUMMARY- Benefits/Application:

Do Not Love the World - vs. 15-17 It takes away from the love of God from us! Worldly lust passes away, but doers of God will abide forever! Too many are being overcome by the world because of weakness in His word!

Deceptions of the Last Hour - vs. 20-23 We have anointing from the Holy One; We know truth; We who acknowledge the Son have the Father also!

Suggestions for the Coming Week:

To Maximize Your growth by the study of His Word and drawing yourself closer to Him.

Be a Berean! Act 17:11 *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

- **Read the entire Epistle of 1 John each day** (takes 15 min to read the 105 verses in the 5 chapters)
- **Study the use of the word “love” – such a key word, used 36 times; “loved” 2 times in this epistle. All are in the original Greek form of AGAPE!**
- *1Jn_2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*
- *1Jn_2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*
- *1Jn_3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*
- *1Jn_3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*
- *1Jn_3:11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,*
- *1Jn_3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*
- *1Jn_3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*
- *1Jn_3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?*
- *1Jn_3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but indeed and in truth.*
- *1Jn_3:23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.*

- *1Jn_4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*
 - *1Jn_4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*
 - *1Jn_4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*
 - *1Jn_4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*
 - *1Jn_4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*
 - *1Jn_4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.*
 - *1Jn_4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*
 - *1Jn_4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*
 - *1Jn_4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*
 - *1Jn_4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.*
 - *1Jn_4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*
 - *1Jn_4:21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*
 - *1Jn_5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.*
 - *1Jn_5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*
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