

FIRST JOHN 2:1-14 FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND ONE ANOTHER!

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OBJECTIVES:

- **To come into a closer relationship, a closer fellowship** with God the Father, God the Son our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit through the study and praying through His word.
- **To know God through a greater understanding** of His word.
- **To know His word and how to find out what we need from it**, when we need it and to understand what His will for us is in every situation! **To improve and activate our prayer life!**

CHRIST OUR ADVOCATE - Read vs. 1-2: [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. [2] And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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 (One who will speak up and stands up for you) **with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

- **John's second reason for writing this letter** is that we may not sin. Ideally, God requires perfection from us (**Mat 5:48**) *Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect*, but our perfection is through our belief in Christ. (**John 6:28-29**) *Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."* The strength and life of the Spirit in us conforms us to the image of Christ.
- **Our Advocate, Jesus Christ, intercedes with God for us when we sin.** Jesus acts as our attorney and defends us (**Hebrews 7:25**) *Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.* (**Rom 8:34**) *Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.* (**Heb 9:24**) *For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*
- **When Satan brings accusations** against us. (**Rev 12:10**) *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."*
- **When Satan accuses us**, we tend to draw away from God because of a sense of shame and unworthiness. When the Holy Spirit convicts us, we are drawn to God to make things right with Him.

1Jn 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only (Rom 3:25) whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, but also for the whole world. (Joh 1:29) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

- **Propitiation – Atonement; Satisfying God's Holy Law;** God's righteousness through a sacrifice to reconcile us back to God!
- **Jesus is the One who, as our substitute,** paid the price for our freedom from sin!

THE TEST OF KNOWING HIM - Read vs. 3-6: [3] Now by this we know that we know Him if we keep His commandments. [4] He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His

commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5] But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. [6] He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked [9] He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. [10] He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. [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 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. (Joh 14:21) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (Rom 2:13) (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; (Jas 1:22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

- The word "**know**" here in the Greek (**ginosko**) means to know by experience. If we know God by experience, we will keep His commandments.
- There is another "**know**" in the Greek (**eido, (oida),**) which means to know by fact, intuitively; that divine intuitive knowledge that comes to us from the Holy Spirit.

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. (Rom 3:4) Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND MAY OVERCOME WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

1Jn 2:5 But (in contrast) whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected (has been completed) **in him. (Joh 14:21, 23) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." [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. (1 Jn 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.**

By this we know that we are in Him. (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 2:6 He who says he abides in Him (Joh 15:4) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1Pe 2:21) For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

- We know that we are in Christ because God's love is being perfected in us as we abide in Him.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT - Read vs. 7-8: [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. [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 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment (not something new) **to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. (1Jn 3:11, 23) For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, [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. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. (1Jn 4:21) And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.**

1Jn 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, Jesus said, (Joh 13:34) A new (fresher) commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (Joh 15:12) This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

because the darkness is passing away, (Rom 13:12) The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

and the true light (Jesus Christ) is already shining. (Joh 1:9) That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. (Joh 8:12) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (Joh 12:35) Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

THE TEST OF KNOWING HIM - Read vs. 9-11: 1Jn 2:9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. (1Co 13:2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1Jn 2:10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, (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.

and there is no cause for stumbling in him. (2Pe 1:10) Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.

1Jn 2:11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness (1Jn 2:9) He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. (1Jn 3:15) Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. (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?

and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (Joh 12:35) Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

- **We need to be honest with God** and confess our feelings of hatred for another person, so that God can replace our hatred with His love.
- **Note the connection between hatred and darkness**, contrasted the connection of love and light!

THEIR SPIRITUAL STATE - Read vs. 12-14: [12] I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. [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. [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.

1Jn 2:12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. (1Co 6:11) And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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 (Joh 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

known the Father. (Rom 8:15-17) For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

1Jn 2:14 I have written (repeated for emphasis for readers) 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. (Eph 6:10) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

- **"Fathers" are those who have been in the faith a long time.** "Young men" are those who are strong in the faith through the Word of God. The Word of God is our strongest defense against sin and temptation. *(Psalm 119:11) Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Jesus answered the temptations of Satan with the Word of God. Satan is still tempting us with, "you don't have to do it God's way"! Take my shortcut in instant gratification! (Matthew 4:1-4) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. [2] And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. [3] Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If (since) You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." [4] But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "*
- **We need a daily cleansing in the Word**, so we will have the strength and power to refrain from sin. *(John 15:3) You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*
- **God's word in our hearts is the greatest defense** that we can have against sin. *(Psa 119: 9) How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

SUMMARY- Benefits/Application:

- **Christ Our Advocate - vs. 1-2** John writes another purpose for writing. So that you may not sin! Rejoice that we have an Advocate with the Father, always pleading for us! Jesus Christ, our Advocate is Himself the propitiation for our sins and for the whole world! Remember this supernatural awesome price that has been paid by Jesus for all your past, present and future sin. Share the good news of the gospel with all the Lord puts in your path! Pray for the lost, every unbeliever that is put on your heart!
- **Test of knowing Him - v. 5** Keepers of His word are perfected in His love. If we truly keep His word His love is perfected in us! *Jer. 29:11! Good self-examination questions – am I doer of the word or a hearer only?*
- **vs. 7-8 Two great commandments** from Old Testament; a new, or fresher "love one another as I have loved you"! Now to be kept out of a loving, not a legal relationship.
- **v. 10 He who loves has light.** If we keep His new commandment to love one another, we abide in the light and do not stumble!
- **Their Spiritual State - vs. 13-14** Writing to all believers – Little children, young men, and fathers. Sins forgiven; have overcome the wicked one – everyone is serving either Satan or God; have known Him from the beginning.

Pray Today: We thank the *LORD* for a continuing great worldwide harvest! For continuing protection and security of all believers! For a great revival in the Church! For many to come to Jesus! For continuing protection and security of all believers! For a great revival in the Church! For many to come to Jesus! President & V.P.: **Donald & Melania Trump; J.D & Usha Vance;** Senate majority leader **John Thune;** Speaker of the House **Mike Johnson!**

GIVE THANKS – Maranatha Music (2:25)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2X)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us (2X)
Give thanks (2X)*