

2 Peter 3

7. But the present heavens and earth are being held in store by His Word, *and* are being reserved for fire in *the* day of judgment and destruction of *the* ungodly.

8. Now, beloved, do not let this one fact be hidden from you: that with *the* Lord, one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9. The Lord is not delaying the promise of *His coming*, as some in their own minds reckon delay; rather, He is long-suffering toward us, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10. However, the day of *the* Lord shall come as a thief in *the* night in which the heaven itself shall disappear with a mighty roar, and *the* elements shall pass away, burning with intense heat, and *the* earth and the works in it shall be burned up.

11. Since all these things are going to be destroyed, what kind of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12. Looking forward to and striving for the coming of the day of God, during which *the* heavens, being on fire, shall be destroyed, and *the* elements, burning with intense heat, shall melt?

7 Mat. 25:41
2 Pet. 3:10
2 Thes. 1:8
8 Psa. 90:4
9 Isa. 30:18
Ezek. 33:11
Hab. 2:3
1 Pet. 3:20
Rom. 2:4
1 Tim. 2:4
Heb. 10:37
10 Psa. 102:26
Isa. 51:6
Mat. 24:35, 43
Luke 12:39
Rom. 8:12
1 Thes. 5:2
11 1 Pet. 1:15
12 Isa. 34:4
Mic. 1:4
Psa. 50:3
1 Cor. 1:7
Tit. 2:13

13 Isa. 65:17,
66:22
Rev. 21:1
14 1 Cor. 1:8,
15:58
Phil. 1:10
1 Thes. 3:13
15 1 Pet. 3:20
Rom. 2:4
16 Rom. 8:19
1 Cor. 15:24
1 Thes. 4:15
17 Mark 13:23
Eph. 4:14
18 1 Pet. 2:2
Eph. 4:15
2 Tim. 4:18
Rev. 1:6

13. But according to His promise, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14. For this reason, beloved, since you are anticipating these things, be diligent, so that you may be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

15. And bear in mind that the long-suffering of our Lord *is* salvation, exactly as our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has also written to you;

16. As *he has* also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them concerning these things; in which are some things *that are* difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable are twisting *and distorting*, as *they also twist and distort* the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17. Therefore, beloved, since you know this in advance, be on guard against *such practices*, lest you be led astray with the error of the lawless ones, *and* you fall from your own steadfastness;

18. Rather, be growing in *the* grace and *the* knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* glory both now and into *the* day of eternity. Amen.

The First General Epistle of

John

CHAPTER ONE

1. That which was from *the* beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our own eyes, that which we observed for ourselves and our own hands handled, concerning the Word of life;

2. (And the life was manifested, and we have seen, and are bearing witness, and are reporting to you the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested to us;)

3. That which we have seen and have heard we are reporting to you in order that you also may have fellowship with us; for the fellowship—indeed, our fellowship—is with the Father and with His own Son, Jesus Christ.

4. These things we are also writing to

Chap. 1

1 Luke 24:39
John 1:1, 14,
20:27
2 Pet. 1:16
2 John 1:1, 4,
14:16, 21:24
1 John 5:20
Rom. 16:26
1 Tim. 3:16
3 John 17:21
1 Cor. 1:9
4 John 16:24

5 John 1:9
1 John 3:11
6 2 Cor. 6:14
7 1 Pet. 1:19
1 Cor. 6:11
Eph. 1:7
Heb. 9:14
Rev. 1:5
8 Job 9:2
Eccl. 7:20
Jas. 3:2
1 John 2:4

you, so that your joy may be completely full.

5. And this is the message that we have heard from Him and are declaring to you: that God is light, and there is no darkness at all in Him.

6. If we proclaim that we have fellowship with Him, but we are walking in the darkness, we are lying to ourselves, and we are not practicing the Truth.

7. However, if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, *then* we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His own Son, cleanses us from all sin.

8. If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9. If we confess our own sins, He is faithful and righteous, to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

CHAPTER TWO

1. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And *yet*, if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ *the* Righteous;

2. And He is *the* propitiation* for our sins; and not for our sins only, but also for *the* sins of the whole world.

3. And by this *standard* we know that we know Him: if we keep His commandments.

4. The one who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5. On the other hand, *if* anyone is keeping His Word, truly in this one the love of God is being perfected. By this *means* we know that we are in Him.

6. Anyone who claims to dwell in Him is obligating himself also to walk even as He Himself walked.

7. Brethren, I am not writing a new commandment to you but an old commandment, which you had from *the* beginning; the old commandment is the message that you have heard from *the* beginning.

8. Again, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

9. Anyone who claims *that* he is in the light, but hates his brother, is in the darkness until now.

10. The one who loves his brother is dwelling in the light, and there is no cause of offense in him.

11. But the one who hates his brother is in darkness, and is walking in darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

9 Psa. 32:5,
51:2

Chap. 2

1 Heb. 7:25
2 John 1:29
Rom. 3:25
2 Cor. 5:18
4 1 John 1:6, 8
5 John 14:21,
23
1 John 4:12-
13
6 Mat. 11:29
John 15:4
1 Pet. 2:21
7 2 John 5
8 John 1:9,
13:34
Rom. 13:12
9 2 Pet. 1:9
1 Cor. 13:2
10 2 Pet. 1:10
1 John 3:14

12. I am writing to you, little children, because *your* sins have been forgiven you through His name.

13. I am writing to you, fathers, because you have known Him Who *is* from *the* beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked *one*. I am writing to you, little children, because you have known the Father.

14. I wrote to you, fathers, because you have known Him Who *is* from *the* beginning. I wrote to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God is dwelling in you, and you have overcome the wicked *one*.

15. Do not love the world, nor the things *that are* in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him

16. Because everything that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pretentious pride of physical life—is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17. And the world and its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

18. Little children, it is *the* last time; and just as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have risen up, by which we know that it is *the* last time.

19. They went out from among us, but they were not of us because if they were of us, they would have remained with us; nevertheless, *they left* that they might be exposed to *show* that *they* all were not of us.

20. But you have *the* anointing from the Holy One, and you have knowledge of all things *pertaining to* salvation.

21. I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and *you understand* that not one lie comes from the truth.

22. Who is the liar if it is not the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is the antichrist—the one who denies the Father and the Son.

23. Anyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either.

12 Luke 24:47
13 1 John 1:1
14 Eph. 6:10
15 Mat. 6:24
Rom. 12:2
16 Eccl. 5:11
17 1 Pet. 1:24
1 Cor. 7:31
18 Mat. 24:5
John 21:5
2 John 7
2 Thes. 2:3
Heb. 1:2
1 Tim. 4:1
2 Tim. 3:1
19 Deut. 13:13
Mat. 24:24
John 6:37
1 Cor. 11:19
20 John 16:13
Acts 3:14
2 Cor. 1:21
Heb. 1:9
22 2 John 7
23 John 15:23
1 John 4:15
2 John 9

*"Propitiation" is translated from the Greek *ἱλασμος*, which denotes a propitiation or expiation of sin by an atoning sacrifice. "Propitiation" is the best translation because it means a continuous atonement. God the Father is continually propitiating the true believer's sins according to His grace and mercy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, as John shows in the previous chapter.

24. Therefore, let what you have heard from *the* beginning dwell in you; if what you have heard from *the* beginning is dwelling in you, then you will be dwelling in the Son and in the Father.

25. And this is the promise that He has promised us: eternal life.

26. These things I have written to you concerning those who are leading you astray.

27. But you yourselves have dwelling in you the anointing that you received from Him; and you do not have need of anyone to indoctrinate you; for the same anointing instructs you in all *spiritual* things, and is true, and is not a lie; and *if you do* exactly as it *has* taught you, you will be dwelling in Him.

28. And now, little children, dwell in Him, so that when He is manifested we may have boldness, and not be put to shame before Him at His coming.

29. If you know that He is righteous, you *also* know that everyone who practices righteousness has been begotten by Him.

CHAPTER THREE

1. Behold! What *glorious* love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God! For this very reason, the world does not know us because it did not know Him.

2. Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be; but we know that when He is manifested, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him exactly as He is.

3. And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, even as He is pure.

4. Everyone who practices sin is also practicing lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness.*

5. And you know that He appeared in order that He might take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.

6. Everyone who dwells in Him does not *practice* sin; anyone who *practices* sin has not seen Him, nor has known Him.

7. Little children, do not allow anyone to deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.

24 John 14:23
2 John 6
25 John 17:3
26 2 John 7
27 Jer. 31:33
John 14:26
1 John 2:20
28 1 John 3:2,
4:17
29 Acts. 22:14
1 John 3:7,
10

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1 John 1:12,
16:3
2 Isa. 56:5
Psa. 16:11
Mat. 5:8
2 Pet. 1:4
Rom 8:15,
18, 29
2 Cor. 4:17
3 1 John 4:17
4 Rom. 4:15
5 Isa. 53:5, 6
1 Pet. 2:22
1 John 1:2
Rom 4:15
2 Cor. 5:21
Heb. 4:15
6 1 John 2:4
7 1 John 2:26
Rom. 2:13

8. The one who practices sin is of the devil because the devil has been sinning from *the* beginning. For this purpose the Son of God appeared that He might destroy the works of the devil.

9. Everyone who has been begotten by God does not practice sin because His seed *of begettal* is dwelling within him, and he is not able to *practice* sin because he has been begotten by God.

10. By this *standard* are manifest the children of God and the children of the devil. Everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, and neither is the one who does not love his brother.

11. For this is the message that you heard from *the* beginning—that we should love one another;

12. Not as Cain, *who* was of the wicked *one*, and murdered his own brother. And what was the reason that he murdered him? Because his own works were wicked, but his brother's works were righteous.

13. My brethren, do not be amazed if the world hates you.

14. We know that we have passed from death into life because we love the brethren. The one who does not love *his* brother is dwelling in death.

15. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life dwelling within him.

16. By this *very act* we have known the love *of God* because He laid down His life for us: and we ourselves are to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

17. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his feelings of compassion from him, how can the love of God be dwelling in him?

18. My little children, we should not love in word, nor with *our* tongues; rather, *we should love* in deed and in truth.

19. And in this *way* we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him,

20. That if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and knows all things.

21. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn

8 Mat. 13:38
Luke 10:18
John 8:44,
16:11
9 1 Pet. 1:23
1 John 5:18
10 1 John 2:29,
4:8
11 John 13:34
1 John 1:5
2 John 5
12 Gen. 4:4, 8
Heb. 11:4
13 John 17:14
14 1 John 2:9-11
15 Mat. 5:21
Gal. 5:21
16 John 3:16
17 Deut. 15:7
Luke 3:11
1 John 4:20
18 Ezek. 33:31
Rom. 12:9
Eph. 4:15
19 John 18:37
20 1 Cor. 4:4
21 Job 22:26
Heb. 10:22

*The King James Version of this verse reads, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

us, *then* we have confidence toward God.

22. And whatever we may ask we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and practice those things that are pleasing in His sight.

23. And this is His commandment: that we believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and that we love one another, exactly as He gave commandment to us.

24. And the one who keeps His commandments is dwelling in Him, and He in him; and by this we know that He is dwelling in us: by the Spirit which He has given to us.

CHAPTER FOUR

1. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2. By this *test* you *can* know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh is from God.

3. And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not from God. And this is the *spirit* of antichrist, which you heard *was* to come, and even now it is already in the world.

4. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them because greater is He Who *is* in you than the one who *is* in the world.

5. They are of the world; because of this, they speak of the world, and the world listens to them.

6. We are of God; the one who knows God listens to us; the one who is not of God does not listen to us. By this *means* we know the Spirit of the truth and the spirit of the deception.

7. Beloved, we should love one another because love is from God; and everyone who loves has been begotten by God, and knows God.

8. The one who does not love does not know God because God is love.

9. In this *way* the love of God was manifested toward us: that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

10. In this *act* is the love—not that we loved God; rather, that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

22 Jer. 29:12
Psa. 34:15
Prov. 15:29
Mat. 7:8
John 8:29
23 Mat. 22:39
John 6:29,
13:34
1 John 2:8, 10
Eph. 5:2
24 John 14:23,
17:21
Rom. 8:9

Chap. 4

1 Jer. 29:8
Mat. 24:4-5
Acts 20:30
2 Pet. 2:1
1 Cor. 14:29
1 Thes. 5:21
1 Tim. 4:1
Rev. 2:2
2 1 Cor. 12:3
3 2 Thes. 2:7
2 John 7
4 John 12:31
1 John 5:4
Eph. 2:2
5 John 3:31,
15:19
6 Isa. 8:20
John 8:47
7 1 John 3:10-
11
8 1 John 2:4,
4:16
9 John 3:16
1 John 5:10
10 John 15:16
1 John 2:2
Rom. 5:8
Tit. 3:4

11. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also are duty-bound to love one another.

12. No one has seen God at any time. *Yet*, if we love one another, God dwells in us, and His own love is perfected in us.

13. By this *standard* we know that we are dwelling in Him, and He *is dwelling* in us: because of His own Spirit, *which* He has given to us.

14. And we have seen *for* ourselves and bear witness that the Father sent the Son *as the* Savior of the world.

15. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God.

16. And we have known and have believed the love that God has toward us. God is love, and the one who dwells in love is dwelling in God, and God in him.

17. By this *spiritual indwelling*, the love *of God* is perfected within us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment because even as He is, so also are we in this world.

18. There is no fear in the love *of God*; rather, perfect love casts out fear because fear has torment. And the one who fears has not been made perfect in the love *of God*.

19. We love Him because He loved us first.

20. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if he does not love his brother whom he has seen, how is he able to love God Whom he has not seen?

21. And this *is* the commandment *that* we have from Him: that the one who loves God should also love his brother.

CHAPTER FIVE

1. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and everyone who loves Him Who begat also loves him who has been begotten by Him.

2. By this *standard* we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep His commandments.

3. For this is the love of God: that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

4. Now then, everyone who is begotten by God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world—our faith.

11 Mat. 18:33
1 John 3:16
12 John 1:18
1 John 2:5
1 Tim. 6:16
13 John 14:20
14 John 1:14,
3:17
15 Rom. 10:9
16 1 John 3:24,
4:8
17 Jas. 2:13
1 John 3:3
18 1 John 4:12
20 1 John 2:4,
4:12
21 Mat. 22:37
John 13:34

Chap. 5

1 John 1:12-13,
15:23
1 John 2:22-
23
3 Mic. 6:8
John 14:15
2 John 6
4 John 16:33

1 John 5

5. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Even the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

6. This is He Who came by water and blood—Jesus the Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.

7. And it is the Spirit that bears witness because the Spirit is the truth.*

8. For there are three that bear witness on the earth: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three *witness* unto the one *truth*.

9. If we accept the witness of men, the witness of God is superior. For this is the witness of God, which He has witnessed concerning His Son.

10. The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar because he has not believed in the witness that God has witnessed concerning His Son.

11. And this is the witness: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12. The one who has the Son has *eternal* life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have *eternal* life.

13. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God in order that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to believe* in the name of the Son of God.

5 1 Cor. 15:57
6 John 14:17,
19:34
1 Tim. 3:16
7 John 1:1,
10:30
Rev. 19:13
9 Mat. 3:16
John 8:17
10 John 3:33
Rom. 8:16
11 1 John 2:25,
4:9
12 John 3:36
13 John 20:31
1 John 1:1-2

14 1 John 3:22
16 Jer. 7:16
Job 42:8
Mat. 12:31
Mark 3:29
John 17:9
Jas. 5:14
Heb. 6:4, 6
17 1 John 3:4
18 Jas. 1:27
1 Pet. 1:23
19 Gal. 1:4
20 Isa. 9:6
Luke 24:45
John 17:3
Acts. 20:28
1 John 5:11-
12
Tit. 2:13
21 1 Cor. 10:14

14. And this is the confidence that we have toward Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we may ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

16. If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *that is* not unto death, he shall ask, and He will give him life for those who do not sin unto death. There is a sin unto death; concerning that *sin*, I do not say that he should make *any* supplication to *God*.

17. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death.

18. We know that anyone who is begotten by God does not *practice* sin; for the one who has been begotten by God keeps himself *by the power of God*, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19. We know that we are of God, and *that* the whole world lies in *the power of* the wicked one.

20. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, so that we may know Him Who *is* true; and we are in Him Who *is* true, *and* in His Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God, and the eternal life.

21. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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*The King James Version contains an additional verse between this verse and the following verse in John's epistle. This added verse in the KJV was not present in the original Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, as the following commentary explains: "Between vv 7 and 8...six Greek MSS [MSS is an abbreviation for manuscripts]...introduce a gloss [an addition to the text not found in other manuscripts] which the AV [KJV] translates as, 'in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.'"

"The earliest of these Greek witnesses, all of which depend on an earlier Latin tradition, can be dated to the twelfth century. The OL [Old Latin] is the only ancient version to include the words, and then with variations between the MSS; but, although the evidence is not entirely clear, the passage seems to be unknown in these texts before the eighth century. It does not appear in Jerome's definitive edition of the Vg [the Latin Vulgate] (circa A.D. 404), even if some other MSS of the Vg contain the addition. The earliest extrabiblical writer to show knowledge of the section is the Spanish heretic Priscillian (who died circa A.D. 385), when quoting from this part of John in his Latin 'Book of Apology' (Liber Apologeticus). None of the Greek Fathers quote the words. Despite this slight MSS attestation the inclusion remained in the Vg. and also survived in the AV [KJV]. In most modern translations the words have disappeared from the text altogether. "The section, which in any case interrupts the thought of the passage, is clearly an interpolation [an addition to the original text]. Presumably it represents an attempt on the part of those who, in the third and fourth centuries, were preoccupied with understanding the doctrine of the Trinity, to explain this text in a trinitarian manner. What may have begun...as a marginal gloss [a notation in the margin of the text] in a Latin MSS then became incorporated in the text, and was eventually translated back into the Greek in some Greek MSS" (Word Biblical Commentary, Vol. 51, p. 273, Word Book Publishers, Waco, Texas, 1984).