

FIRST JOHN

1 John 1:1 What [incarnation of Jesus Christ] was from the beginning [virgin birth of Jesus Christ in hypostatic union], What we [the apostles and their team] have heard [1st advent teachings from Christ himself: oral tradition before the written Word], What we have seen with our own eyes [confirming the reality of the physical body of Christ], What we have observed and our hands have touched [after the resurrection and ascension], concerning Whom [Jesus Christ] *is* the Word of life [the Logos, the Originator of doctrine],

1 John 1:2 (and the Life [incarnate Christ] was revealed [revelation of God to Israel], in fact, we [apostles and friends] have seen [empirical observation] and have testified [in courtrooms] and have proclaimed to you [John's non-resident congregation] that eternal Life [Jesus Christ], Who was face-to-face with the Father [eternal sonship] and was revealed [by oral tradition and Scripture] to us),

1 John 1:3 What [reference to the kenosis and hypostatic union of Jesus Christ] we have seen [they observed the humanity of Christ on earth with their own eyes] and heard [from His Own lips], we are now reporting [recording for the Canon of Scripture] to you [non-resident Christians], so that you also [those with non-face-to-face teaching may have fellowship just like those who have face-to-face teaching] might have [subject to your volition] fellowship [non-face-to-face] with us [those who have the privilege of geographical, face-to-face teaching]. Furthermore, in fact, our [collective] fellowship [through private confession of sin to God] *is* with our Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:4 As a matter of fact, we [John and his resident congregation] write these things [doctrines of Christ] to you [John's non-resident congregation], so that our [both resident and non-resident] inner happiness might be completed [full to the point of overflowing].

1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we [members of John's resident congregation who saw Christ firsthand] have heard from Him [Jesus Christ in the flesh] and have communicated to you [non-resident members], that God is light [analogy for divine essence] and there is no, not any, darkness [analogy for Satan's essence] in Him [no compromise between God's essence and Satan's essence].

1 John 1:6 If we contend that we have fellowship with Him [living in the sphere of light], but we keep on walking [ordering our behavior] in the sphere of darkness [through habitual sin], we keep on lying to ourselves [divorced from reality] and are not making it a practice to live the Truth [divine standards of virtue, honor, integrity],

1 John 1:7 But if we keep on walking in the sphere of light [operational divine system] as He [Jesus Christ] was in the sphere of light [prototype divine system], we keep on having fellowship [being in the sphere of light is the same thing as being in fellowship] with each other [reciprocity based on residence and function inside the divine system], and the blood [representative analogy for the spiritual death of Christ on the cross] of Jesus His [the Father's] Son keeps on cleansing [temporary purification] us [those who acknowledge their sins] from every sin [not the imputed sin from Adam, but every sin we commit that destroys our walk in the light].

1 John 1:8 If we contend that we do not have a sin nature [perfectionism and its eradication of sin heresy: the conclusion of self-righteous, arrogant ascetics], we are deceiving [deluding] ourselves and the Truth [hamartiology: the doctrine of sin] is not in us [darkness: blackout of the soul].

1 John 1:9 If we acknowledge [cite, name] our sins [mental, verbal or overt], He [God the Father through our only intermediary, Jesus Christ] is faithful [trustworthy] and just [integrity] so that He always forgives [cancels] our sins and cleanses us [temporary purification] from every category of unrighteousness [unknown sins, human good and evil].

1 John 1:10 If we contend [assert] that we have not sinned [claiming sinless perfection], we [deluded believers in the cosmic system] keep on making Him a liar [fighting God in self-righteous arrogance] and His Word [especially the doctrine of hamartiology] is not in us [rejecting the Word places you in the sphere of darkness].

1 John 2:1 My students [immature believers in John's non-resident congregation], I am writing [as your non-resident pastor] these things [doctrines] to you so that you might stop living a lifestyle of continual sin [so you won't lose your spiritual momentum]. Nevertheless, if anyone repeatedly sins, we [believers only] always have an Advocate [intercessor] before the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous One,

1 John 2:2 Since He Himself [Jesus Christ] continues to be the propitiation [experiential not positional cleansing, temporal not eternal washing, familial not forensic] concerning our [John's resident and non-resident congregations] sins, and not for ours only [not just for the sins of those in my congregation], but also for the entire world [for Christians outside of our fellowship: the church as the Bride of Christ].

1 John 2:3 Furthermore, by this [requirement] we may know [through Bible doctrine] that we have come to know and are continuing to know Him [occupation with Jesus Christ]: if we continue to execute [obey] His mandates [Church Age mandates: grieve not the Spirit, quench not the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, be filled with the Spirit].

1 John 2:4 When anyone claims: "I have come to know Him [Jesus Christ]," but does not continually execute His mandates [for continuing fellowship with Deity], he is [living the lifestyle of] a liar [under the illusion of the cosmic system] and the Truth [Bible doctrine] is not in him [he is ignorant of doctrine, and therefore does not know God in an experiential sense].

1 John 2:5 But if someone keeps on maintaining [studying and applying] His Word [daily Bible study], the virtue love from God is truly being accomplished in him [attaining the objective]. By this [spiritual momentum] we know that we are [residing] in it [the love complex].

1 John 2:6 Anyone [member of the royal family of God] who claims to reside in it [virtue love] ought to keep walking [continued function] in exactly the same manner as [precisely correct protocol] He Himself [Jesus Christ] also walked.

1 John 2:7 Beloved [members of John's unseen congregation], I am not writing a new mandate to you, but an old mandate which you have possessed from the beginning [of the Church Age]; the old mandate is the Word [doctrinal message] which you have heard [from Jesus in John 15:9-19].

1 John 2:8 On the other hand, I am writing a new mandate to you [to reside in the love complex], which is true [reliable doctrine] in Him [Jesus Christ inside the prototype love complex] and in you [the believer in the operational love complex], because the darkness [cosmic system] is passing away [the divine system will be victorious over the cosmic system if you follow this mandate] and the true light [biblical thinking] is already shining [spiritual is being reflected in your soul].

1 John 2:9 When anyone [arrogant believer] claims he is in the sphere of light [divine system], but hates his brother [fellow believer], he is in the sphere of darkness [cosmic system] up to [and including] the present.

1 John 2:10 He who continues to love [virtue love] his brother [fellow believer] resides in the sphere of light [divine system]; moreover, there is no cause for ruin [enticement or temptation to sin] in it [the sphere of light].

1 John 2:11 But when anyone makes it a habit to hate [mental attitude sin] his brother [fellow believer], he is in the sphere of darkness [hatred complex] and is continually walking [advancing into blackout of the soul] in the sphere of darkness [cosmic system], and has not understood in the past and continues not to understand in the present where he is going [disoriented to the plan of God], because the darkness [cosmic system] has blinded his eyes [mental and spiritual perception is blacked-out].

1 John 2:12 I am writing to you [non-resident], children [young believers who need training], because your sins have been forgiven in the past [forensic: clean slate at the moment of regeneration] with the result that they keep on being forgiven [familial: experiential forgiveness after confession of sins] because of His Person [Jesus Christ].

1 John 2:13 I am writing to you [non-resident], fathers [those who have cracked the maturity barrier], because you know Him [occupation with Jesus Christ] *who was* from the beginning [since the virgin birth]. I am writing to you [non-resident] young men [spiritual adolescents], because you have overcome [tactical victories] the evil one [Satan as the inventor of the cosmic system and ruler of this world].

1 John 2:14 I wrote to you in the past, infants [believers learning the basics], because you were beginning to learn about the Father [basic theology]. I wrote to you in the past, fathers [mature believers], because you were beginning to know Him [occupation with Jesus Christ] *who was* from the beginning [since the virgin birth]. I wrote to you in the past, young men [spiritual adolescents], because you were strong [spiritually self-sustaining], and the Word from God was residing in you [spiritual momentum], and you were beginning to overcome the evil one [passing momentum tests and staying out of the cosmic system].

1 John 2:15 Stop loving [being distracted or enslaved by] the cosmic system, or anything in the cosmic system [multitude of gates or doors to choose from]. If anyone keeps loving [prolonged residence in] the cosmic system [building scar tissue in the soul], virtue love from the Father is not in him,

1 John 2:16 Because each category of thing that *is* in the cosmic system: the lust from the flesh [sin nature] and the lust from the eyes [mentality of the soul] and the pride of life [arrogant self-sufficiency], is not from the Father, but is from the cosmic system [Satan's dominion].

1 John 2:17 Moreover, the cosmic system and its lusts [from the sin nature] will pass away [abolished during the Millennial Reign], but anyone who executes the will of God [advancing in the spiritual life] will continue to abide unto the ages [all future dispensations].

1 John 2:18 Spiritual infants, it is the last hour [to make progress in the spiritual life], and just as you have heard [previously taught eschatological doctrine] that the Antichrist [Satan's political dictator during the Tribulation] will come, even now [during the Church Age] many antichrists [believers living in the cosmic system] exist, from which [high frequency pool of candidates] we may understand that it is the last hour [final days of the Church Age].

1 John 2:19 They [negative believers: apostates & reversionists] went out [left the divine system for the cosmic system] from us [we stayed in the divine system], however they [negative believers] were never part of us [they broke the *inner fellowship*], for if they [negative believers] had been part of us [continually residing in the divine system], they would have surely remained with us [living in the divine

system], but rather *they separated from us* with the result that they [believers in the cosmic system] might be exposed that they [negative believers] are not altogether part of us [be alert for people testing].

1 John 2:20 However, you [believers in the divine system] have the anointing [indwelling and filling of the Spirit] from the Holy One [Spirit] and have come to understand [spiritual perception inside the divine system] all manner of things [a complete systematic theology in the soul].

1 John 2:21 I have not written to you because you do not know the Truth [doctrine], but because you have come to know it, and because no lie of any kind comes [originates] from the Truth [doctrine as the mind of Christ].

1 John 2:22 Who [what sort of person] is a liar [not *telling* a lie, but *living* a lie] if not the one who continually disregards [repudiates by living in the cosmic system] that Jesus is the Christ? This one [born-again believers only] who continually disregards [repudiates by living in the cosmic system] the Father and the Son is an antichrist [believers who serve Satan].

1 John 2:23 Each one who makes it a practice to disregard the Son [repudiate Him by living in the cosmic system], neither does he have [fellowship with] the Father; the one who makes it a practice to acknowledge the Son [by living in the divine system], also has [fellowship with] the Father.

1 John 2:24 As for you [positive believers], what [Bible doctrine] you have heard from the beginning [when you first decided to learn the Bible] must continually reside in you. If what you heard from the beginning [Bible doctrine] continues to reside in you, you will also reside in the sphere of the Son and the Father.

1 John 2:25 Likewise, this is the promise which He Himself has promised us: eternal life [social life with God requires a resurrection body].

1 John 2:26 I have written [non face-to-face teaching] these things [doctrinal warnings] to you [remote congregations] concerning those [apostates & reversionists] who continue to seduce you [distract you from the plan of God].

1 John 2:27 Furthermore, as for you, the anointing [baptism of the Holy Spirit] which you have received [at salvation] from Him [Jesus Christ] resides in you [indwelling of the Holy Spirit]. Furthermore, you do not have need that anyone [false teachers] should teach you, but instead His anointing [ministry of the Holy Spirit] keeps teaching you [through a person with the communication gift of pastor or teacher] concerning all categories of things [a complete systematic theology]. Moreover, it [doctrine witnessed by the Holy Spirit] is never a lie. In fact, just as it [the filling and teaching of the Spirit] has taught you, keep on residing in it [the divine system].

1 John 2:28 And now [during the Church Age], students, keep residing in it [the divine system], so that when He [Jesus Christ] appears [at the Rapture], we might have confidence and not be ashamed before Him [disgrace from living in the cosmic system] at His coming [at the Rapture].

1 John 2:29 If you realize that He [Jesus Christ] is righteous, then you should understand that everyone who makes it a practice to produce integrity [righteousness] has been born from Him.

1 John 3:1 Concentrate on how great a love complex the Father has given to us [the royal family], so that we might be designated students of God [under His tutelage]. Therefore [since we reside in the love complex], we are [students of God]. For this reason [our residence in the love complex], the world does

not understand us [conflict between light and darkness], because it [the world] did not understand Him [Jesus Christ].

1 John 3:2 Beloved [royal family of God], we should be students of God by now [some spiritual progress should have occurred], even though what we shall be [our spiritual status in eternity] has not yet been revealed. We have come to know [through Bible study] that when He appears [at the Rapture], we shall become like Him [having a resurrection body], for we shall see Him [Jesus Christ] just as He is [His glory in hypostatic union].

1 John 3:3 And each person who keeps on having this confidence [while waiting for the Rapture] in Him [trusting in the divine system He tested and provided to us], purifies himself [impeccability inside the operational divine system], just as the unique Person [Jesus Christ] was and is pure [impeccability inside the prototype divine system].

1 John 3:4 Every person [believer] who makes it a practice to commit sin [perpetual *function* in the cosmic system] is also committing lawlessness [perpetual *residence* in the cosmic system]. In fact, sin [*function*] has the potential of becoming [leads to] lawlessness [*residence*].

1 John 3:5 Indeed, you [those who have learned Christology and Sotierology] know that the unique Person [Jesus Christ] was revealed for the purpose of taking away our [believer's] sins. In fact, sin did not exist in Him [impeccability].

1 John 3:6 Every person [believer] who is abiding in it [the divine system] is not sinning. Every person [believer] who makes it a practice to sin [perpetual *function* in the cosmic system] has not seen Him in the past with the result that He sees Him now, nor has he begun to understand Him [intimate relationship].

1 John 3:7 Students [teachable believers], stop allowing anyone to deceive you. When a person [believer only] is performing righteousness [virtue, integrity], he is honorable, just as the unique Person [Jesus Christ] is honorable.

1 John 3:8 When a person [believer] makes it a practice [lifestyle] to commit sin, he is in the process of becoming an agent of the devil, because the devil sinned from the beginning [since his fall]. For this purpose, the Son of God [Jesus Christ] was revealed [at the 1st advent]: that He might destroy the works [*function* in the cosmic system] of the devil.

1 John 3:9 At the moment when each person [believer] is born of God [at the moment of regeneration], he is not committing sin, because His [the Holy Spirit's] spiritual sperm [divinely implanted seed] always abides in it [the divine system]. Furthermore, he is not able to sin [while in the divine system], because he has been born from God.

1 John 3:10 By this, students of God and students of the devil are manifest: Every person [believer] who does not make it a practice to manufacture righteousness is not an agent from God [living in His divine system], nor the person [believer] who does not make it a practice to exercise virtue love [infused and acquired inside the divine system] towards his brother [fellow believer].

1 John 3:11 Because this is the message which you have heard from the beginning [of the Lord's ministry on earth]: that we should make it a practice to exercise virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers],

1 John 3:12 Not like Cain was, an agent of the evil one, even [to the point of] slaughtering his brother [murder]. And for what reason did he slaughter? Because his [Cain's] production [works] was wicked, while that of his brother *was* righteous [divine good].

1 John 3:13 Furthermore, stop being shocked, brethren, if [believers in] the cosmic system perpetually hates you [believers residing in the divine system].

1 John 3:14 We know that we [believers in the divine system] have changed our residence [relocated] out from the realm of death [the cosmic system] into the realm of life [the divine system], because we make it a practice to exercise virtue love. The one who does not make it a practice to exercise virtue love resides in the sphere of death [the cosmic system].

1 John 3:15 Every person [believer in the cosmic system] who hates his brethren [fellow believers] is a potential murderer [hatred is mental attitude murder]; you also know that not every murderer has eternal life residing in him [not all murderers are Christians].

1 John 3:16 By this we [believers] have come to know love [the special, discriminating, redemptive, predestinating, sacrificial love]: that He and only He [Jesus Christ is unique] laid down His life on our behalf [believers only]. Consequently, we ourselves ought to lay down our lives [souls] for the benefit of our brethren [fellow believers].

1 John 3:17 Furthermore, whoever might possess the material prosperity [financial wealth] of this world and observes his brother [fellow believer in his periphery] who has extreme poverty [destitution], but shuts off his emotions from him [lack of compassion], how can this virtue love from God be residing in him [wealth – virtue = unhappiness]?

1 John 3:18 Students, let us not attempt to prove or show virtue love with declaration [self-assertion] and emotional language [intense speech] only, but also in function [true character inside the divine system] and doctrine [the Word of God permeating your soul].

1 John 3:19 By this [exercise of virtue love] we may know that we are out from doctrine, even convincing the mentality of our soul [confidence] in His sight [social life with God],

1 John 3:20 Because if the mentality of our soul condemns us [convicted of unconfessed sin], *remember* that God is greater than the mentality of our soul. Indeed, He knows [omniscience] all things.

1 John 3:21 Beloved, if the mentality of our soul does not condemn us [confession of sin and doctrine in the soul are the deciding factors], we may have increasing confidence [a benefit of spiritual maturity] towards God.

1 John 3:22 Furthermore, whatever we may ask [prayer inside the divine system] from Him [the Father], we may receive, because we continue to keep His mandates [walk in the Spirit, be filled with the Spirit, grieve not the Spirit, quench not the Spirit] and we continue to keep on doing things [*function* in the divine system] pleasing in His sight.

1 John 3:23 Furthermore, this is His mandate [for *positional* sanctification], that we believe on the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ, and [for *experiential* sanctification] make it a practice to exercise virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers], just as He [the Father] gave us the mandate.

1 John 3:24 In fact, he who keeps His [the Father's] mandates keeps on residing in it [the love complex], and He [the Father] in him. In fact, by this we know that He [the Father] resides in us: from the spirit [human] which He [the Father] has given to us [believers only].

1 John 4:1 Beloved [members of the royal family], stop believing every personality [eloquent speaker], but rather keep analyzing [checking their doctrine] those personalities whether [one-at-a-time] he is from God [as a representative], because many false teachers have departed [exited the divine system] for the cosmic system [willing and obedient evangelists for Satan].

1 John 4:2 By this [understanding] you may recognize that personality [influential teacher] from God: Every personality [persuasive speaker] who acknowledges Jesus Christ [deity] has come in the flesh [humanity] is from God [His representative].

1 John 4:3 Furthermore, every personality [persuasive speaker] who does not acknowledge this Jesus [of orthodox Christianity] is not from God [as a teaching representative]. Furthermore, this [false teaching] is from Antichrist, about whom you have heard that he is coming [during the Tribulation]; even now [during the Church Age], he [the essence of antichrist] is already in the world [believers in the cosmic system are under Satan's control and are therefore *antichrists*].

1 John 4:4 You [believers in the divine system] are from God, students, and have overcome them [momentum tests], because greater is He in you [indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit] than he [Satan] in the cosmic system.

1 John 4:5 They [false teachers] are from the cosmic system, therefore, they make it a practice to speak as agents of the cosmic system, and the cosmic system [those believers residing in it] hears them [false teachers always get a good hearing].

1 John 4:6 We [orthodox pastors & teachers] are from God [as a representative]. He [positive believer] who has come to know and is continuing to know God keeps listening to us [orthodox pastors & teachers]; he *who* is not from God [as a representative] does not listen to us [orthodox pastors & teachers]. For this reason [continual listening to orthodox pastors & teachers], we have come to know and are continuing to know the nature [spiritual significance] of Truth [Bible doctrine] and the nature [pervading influence] of error [false doctrine].

1 John 4:7 Beloved [members of the royal family], let us make it a practice to exercise virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers], because virtue love is from God [the Father] as a source. Furthermore, every person who makes it a practice to exercise virtue love has been born [positional truth] from God [the Father] and has come to know and is continuing to know [spiritual growth] God [the Father].

1 John 4:8 When a person [believer in the cosmic system] does not make it a practice to exercise virtue love, he has not come to know God [prolonged residence in the cosmic system interrupts fellowship with the Father], because God [the Father] is virtue love [one of His divine attributes].

1 John 4:9 By this the [sovereign, electing, discriminating] love of God [the Father] was made manifest unto us [the electing love of God preceded the sending of His Son]: that God [the Father] sent His uniquely born Son into the world [cosmic system] so that we might live [experiential: the Christian way of life] through Him.

1 John 4:10 By this [sending of His Son] virtue love came into being – not because we love God [the Father], but because He [the Father] loved us [sovereign electing love] and sent His Son [Jesus Christ],

the propitiation [emphasis on experiential rather than positional cleansing, temporal rather than eternal washing, familial not forensic] for our [the elect's] sins.

1 John 4:11 Beloved [members of the royal family], if God so loved us [believers only], we also ought to make it a practice to exercise virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers].

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen God [invisible essence of the Father]. If we make it a practice to exercise virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers], God is residing in us [indwelling of the Father] and His virtue love is being matured in us [invisible God has visible and invisible influence in the believer who is residing inside the love complex].

1 John 4:13 By this we know that we are residing in Him [the Father] and He [the Father] in us [reciprocal communion]: by means of His Spirit He [the Father] has given to us.

1 John 4:14 Indeed, we ourselves [John's fellow Jewish believers] have understood and we keep confirming [to those outside Israel] that the Father sent His Son *to be* the Savior of the world [Gentile believers scattered throughout the earth, as contrasted to the earlier Jewish dispensation which was exclusivistic].

1 John 4:15 If anyone [Jew or Gentile] acknowledges that Jesus [humanity] is the Son of God [deity], God [the Father] resides in him [positional truth] and he in God [experiential truth].

1 John 4:16 Furthermore, we [believers with Bible doctrine in their souls] have come to understand [perception] and trust [retention] the love which God [the Father] has towards us. God is [by attribute and essence] virtue love. In fact, the one who resides in the love complex is residing in God [the Father] and God [the Father] is residing in him.

1 John 4:17 By this [residence in the love complex], virtue love is being accomplished [matured] in company with us [joint venture between the positive believer and the *agape* love of the Father], so that we might have confidence [advancing in the plan of God] on the Day of Evaluation [Judgment Seat of Christ], because just as He was [in the prototype divine system], so also are we [believers residing in the operational divine system] in this world.

1 John 4:18 Fear [inability to apply Bible doctrine to a given situation when under pressure] does not exist in the love complex. On the contrary, mature [advanced] virtue love drives out fear, because fear causes torment [self-induced misery and divine discipline]. In fact, the person who is continually afraid has not been matured in the love complex.

1 John 4:19 We [believers only] exercise virtue love, because He [God the Father] first loved us.

1 John 4:20 If someone [believer in the cosmic system] alleges: I love God, and yet he hates his brother [fellow believer], he is a liar, for he [believer in the cosmic system] who does not make it a practice to exercise virtue love towards his brother [fellow believer] whom he has seen, is not able to love God [the Father] whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:21 Furthermore, we have this mandate from Him [the Father]: that he who loves God [personal love] should also make it a practice to exercise virtue love towards his brother [fellow believer].

1 John 5:1 Every person who believes that Jesus is the Christ was born in the past [regeneration precedes faith] from God [being *born from above* in the past determines who will be *born again* in the future].

Moreover, every person who loves the One [the Father] who has begotten, should also exercise virtue love towards the person [fellow believer] who was born in the past from Him [the Father].

1 John 5:2 By this we may know that we are exercising virtue love towards the students of God: whenever we keep on loving [*motivational* virtue] God [the Father] and we continue to execute [*functional* virtue] His mandates [to *reside* and *function* in the love complex].

1 John 5:3 Indeed, this [motivating virtue] is love for God [the Father]: that we might continue observing His mandates [plan for this dispensation], and His mandates [when residing and functioning in the love complex] are never difficult.

1 John 5:4 Because every category of person [racial, educational, economic, male-female, slave-free] who has been born from God may overcome the cosmic system [strategic victory as the basis for tactical victory]. Moreover, this is the weapon of victory which overcomes the cosmic system: our doctrine [resident in the soul].

1 John 5:5 Who is the person who is beginning to overcome the cosmic system [in the face of pressure], if not he [the new believer] who has come to believe that Jesus [humanity] is the Son of God [deity]?

1 John 5:6 This One is He who came [Incarnation] by serum [plasma & platelets] and blood clots [red blood cells]: Jesus Christ – not by serum only [which would mean he bled to death], but by serum and blood clots [He dismissed His life in the flesh]. Furthermore, it is the Spirit who testifies [witness to the doctrine of the Incarnation], because the Spirit is truth.

1 John 5:7 As a matter of fact, there are three who continue to bear witness:

1 John 5:8 The Spirit and the water [figurative representation for the Word of God] and the blood [representative analogy for Christ's spiritual death on the cross]. Furthermore, these three are one in purpose.

1 John 5:9 Since we accept the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater [so obviously we should accept it, too], because this testimony [of the preceding three witnesses] is from God [the Father], because He has testified concerning His Son [Jesus Christ].

1 John 5:10 The person who has believed on the Son of God [after regeneration] has this witness in himself; the person who does not believe God has made Him in the past and continues to make Him in the present a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony [threefold: filling of the Spirit, water of the Word, spiritual death of Christ] which God has confirmed concerning His Son.

1 John 5:11 In fact, this is the testimony that God [the Father] has given to us: eternal life, and this life [especially the qualitative, experiential side] is in His Son.

1 John 5:12 He [the positive believer] who has the Son [fellowship with Jesus Christ] may have this [qualitative] life; he who does not have the Son of God [no fellowship with Jesus Christ] does not have this [qualitative] life.

1 John 5:13 I have written these things [Bible doctrines] to you who have believed on the Person of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life [positional and experiential].

1 John 5:14 In fact, this is the confidence [motivating virtue manufactured in the love complex] which we have towards Him [fellowship], that if we ask anything [through prayer] according to His will, He will hear us.

1 John 5:15 In fact, when we know that He hears us - whatever we may ask [according to His will] - we know [confident expectation] that we will obtain the prayer requests which we have asked from Him.

1 John 5:16 If anyone observes his brother [fellow believer] continuing to sin a sin not face-to-face with [terminating unto] death, he [the intercessor] may ask [in prayer] and He [the Father] may give [temporal] life to him [the carnal believer], for those [carnal believers who are under warning or intensive discipline] who are not continuing to sin face-to-face with [terminating unto] death. There is sin [prolonged residence in the cosmic system] face-to-face with [terminating unto] death; I do not recommend that anyone should pray [discipline for this believer is under the sovereign hands of God] about that [advanced stage of reversionism].

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness [wrongdoing] is sin [function of the believer in the cosmic system], and yet there is sin [which can be cleansed by confession] not face-to-face with [terminating unto] death.

1 John 5:18 We have learned that anyone who has been born from God [believer] does not have to make it a practice to sin [a lifestyle of sin is not inevitable]. On the contrary, He [Jesus Christ] who was born from God guards him [the believer who is in fellowship] so the evil one [Satan] does not touch [harm] him [the believer inside the love complex is protected from evil].

1 John 5:19 We have learned in the past and now know with a certainty that we [believers in the divine system] are representatives of God [His agents on earth] while the entire cosmic system [every person residing in it] lies *under the control of* the evil one [Satan].

1 John 5:20 Moreover, we have learned in the past and now have absolute certainty that the Son of God has come [1st advent] and has given to us [believers] the faculty of spiritual insight [reasoning process] so that we may understand genuine objective truth. Furthermore, we are in the sphere of genuine objective truth [veracity in the divine system] by means of His Son, Jesus Christ. This One [Jesus Christ] is the genuine objective true God [Who controls history and provides salvation] and eternal life.

1 John 5:21 Students [positive believers], guard yourselves from idols [anything that distracts you from learning Bible doctrine].

SECOND JOHN

2 John 1:1 The apostolic pastor-in-chief [John as official non-resident apostle-pastor] to the elect lady [the widow Nympha] and her children, whom I [*agape*] love in the sphere of doctrine, and not only me, but also all those [positive believers] who have come to know in the past and are continuing to learn doctrine,

2 John 1:2 Because the doctrine which resides in us [through mental saturation] shall indeed be with us forever [doctrine and the Spirit are the only things you take to heaven with you].

2 John 1:3 May grace, mercy, spiritual prosperity, from the source of God the Father and from the source of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, be [as a package deal of spiritual blessings] with us always in the sphere of doctrine and virtue love.

2 John 1:4 I was very pleased because I discovered *that some* out of your children that are continuing to walk by means of doctrine, just as we received a mandate from the Father.

2 John 1:5 And now, Lady [Nympha], I make a request of you, not as though writing to you a new mandate, but *one* which we had from the beginning: that we keep on exercising virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers].

2 John 1:6 Moreover, the love complex was brought into existence for this purpose: that we should keep on walking [gaining forward momentum] according to His mandates [grieve not, quench not, be filled with, walk in the Spirit]. The mandate [accompanying the gift of the love complex] is this, just as you have heard from the beginning: that you keep on walking [gaining forward momentum] in it [the love complex],

2 John 1:7 Because many deceivers [pseudo-intellectual Gnostics] have gone out [exited the Johannine community] into the cosmic system [embracing cosmic panaceas and anthropocentric academic speculation], who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as having come in the flesh [denying the 1st Advent]. This category of person [reversionistic Gnostic believer] is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2 John 1:8 Look out for yourselves, so that you do not lose the spiritual momentum which we have accomplished, but instead receive in return a full reward [super-abounding grace blessings].

2 John 1:9 Everyone who goes beyond the limits [of true doctrine] and does not remain within the boundaries of the teaching of Christ, does not have [fellowship with] God. The one who remains within the boundaries of the teaching [influence of Bible doctrine], this same one keeps on having [fellowship with] both the Father and the Son.

2 John 1:10 If anyone [Gnostic-leaning believer] comes face-to-face to you and does not bring this [accurate] teaching, do not receive him [the Gnostic infiltrator] into *your* home [local assembly] and never address him with a warm greeting.

2 John 1:11 For the one who addresses him [the false teacher] with a warm greeting participates in his evil activities [cursing by association].

2 John 1:12 Although I have many things to write to you [Nymphas and her family], I do not wish to do so with paper and ink [comments or topics John doesn't want in the canon of Scripture], but instead I hope to come to you [to conduct a Bible conference in Laodicea] and teach by speaking face-to-face, so that our inner happiness might be progressively filled to the point of overflowing [the final floor of the *edification complex of the soul* is attained].

2 John 1:13 The children [in Laodicea] of your elect sister [first cousins to Nympha] salute you [respect for family members who are living in the divine system].

THIRD JOHN

3 John 1:1 The apostolic pastor-in-chief [John as non-resident apostle-pastor] to my dear friend, Gaius, whom I [*agape*] love in the sphere of doctrine:

3 John 1:2 Dear friend, I pray above all things for you that you might continue to be financially prosperous and physically fit, just as your soul continues to be prosperous [three things that assist in good administration].

3 John 1:3 For I was very happy when brethren [evangelists, missionaries] came and testified with reference to your doctrine, to the degree that you are continuing to walk [familiarization, mental saturation and application] by means of doctrine.

3 John 1:4 I have no greater happiness than this: that I might continue to hear from time-to-time that my students [non-resident congregation] are continuing to walk in the sphere of doctrine.

3 John 1:5 Dear friend, you are applying doctrine whenever you are providing service [hospitality] to the brethren [members of his own congregation] and especially to strangers [evangelists and missionaries],

3 John 1:6 Who have testified about your virtue love before the assembly [in Ephesus], which you will continue to exercise [by way of application] honorably when you assist them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.

3 John 1:7 For on behalf of His name [Jesus Christ] they went out [as evangelists and missionaries], taking nothing from unbelievers [the heathen].

3 John 1:8 Therefore, we ought to periodically support [underwrite] such persons as these [evangelists and missionaries], so that we might become fellow-workers for doctrine.

3 John 1:9 I wrote something [doctrinal letter] to the assembly, but Diotrephes, one who wants to be leader over them, did not recognize us [rejected the authority of John and the letter bearers].

3 John 1:10 For this reason, if I must come [to straighten things out in Pergamus], I will point out his deeds [public embarrassment] which he is performing [in authority arrogance], slandering us with evil words, and because he is not satisfied with the status quo [arrogance of unhappiness], neither does he himself recognize the brethren [congregational vote], and being determined [locked-in arrogance], he hinders them [prevents positive believers from learning doctrine] and expels *them* out from the assembly.

3 John 1:11 Dear friend, do not follow evil [the modus operandi of Diotrephes], but instead divine good. He who makes it a practice to perform divine good [functions inside the divine system] is from God [as a representative]; he who makes it a practice to perform evil [functions inside the cosmic system] does not understand God [no fellowship with Divinity].

3 John 1:12 With reference to Demetrius [as a replacement for Diotrephes], he has been approved of by all [those concerned] as well as by doctrine itself. In fact, we ourselves [John and leaders in his local congregation] also approve, and you know from the past and still know in the present that our testimony [as character witnesses] is accurate.

3 John 1:13 I have many things to write to you, but [due to canonicity and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit] I do not wish to write to you with ink and reed pen.

3 John 1:14 But I hope to see you shortly, and then we will speak socially.

3 John 1:15 Prosperity [peace] to you. Your friends [in Ephesus] salute you. Please salute my friends [in Pergamus] by name.