



# 1<sup>st</sup> John

God is Light, Love and Life

*Lesson 07*

## Children of God

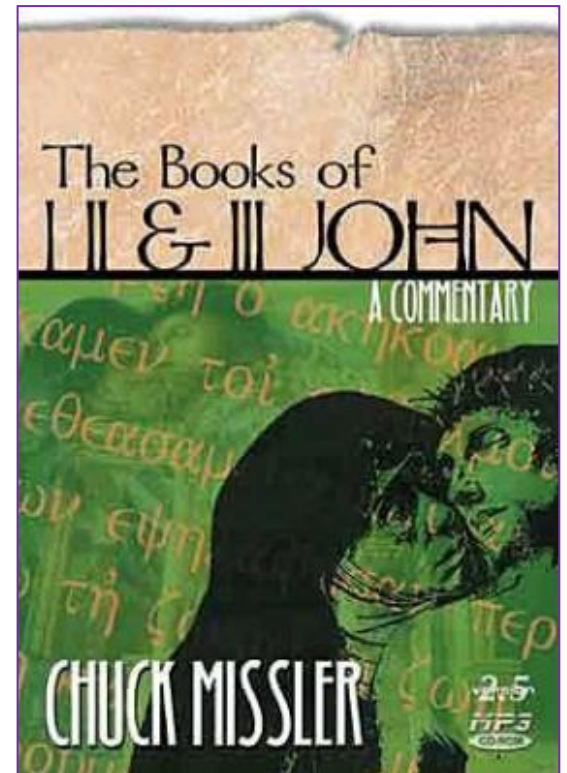
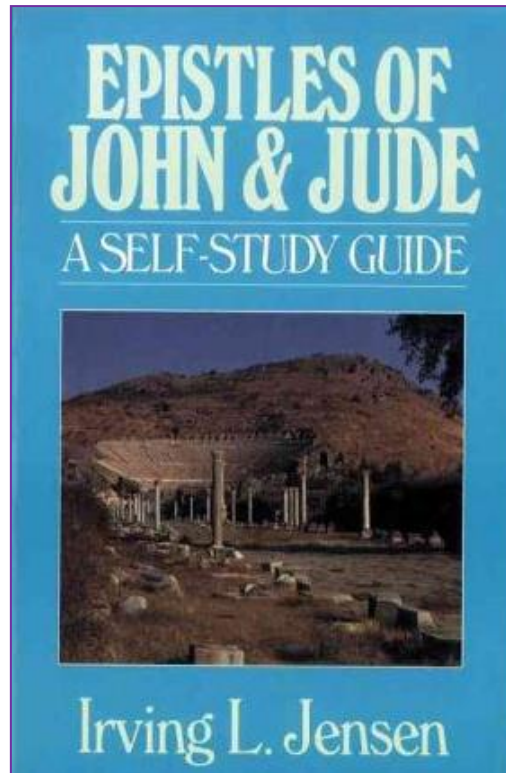
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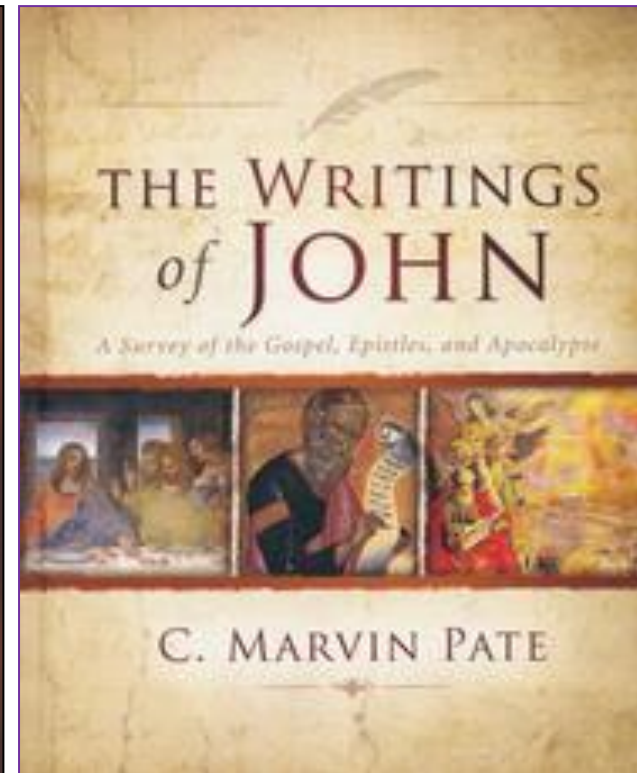
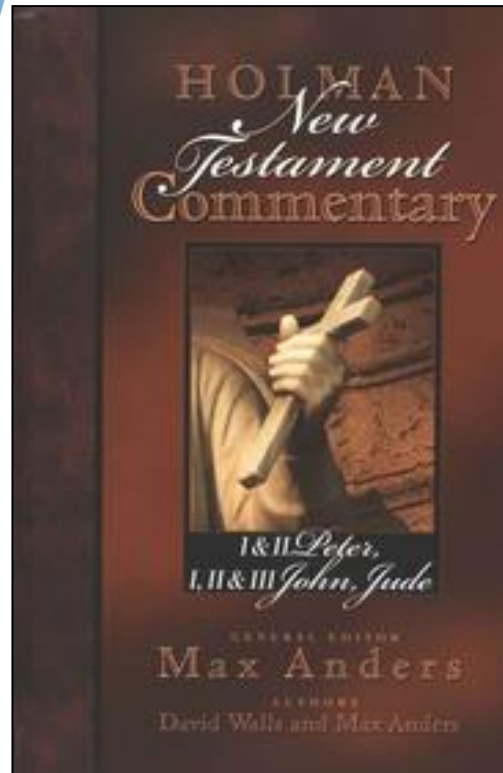


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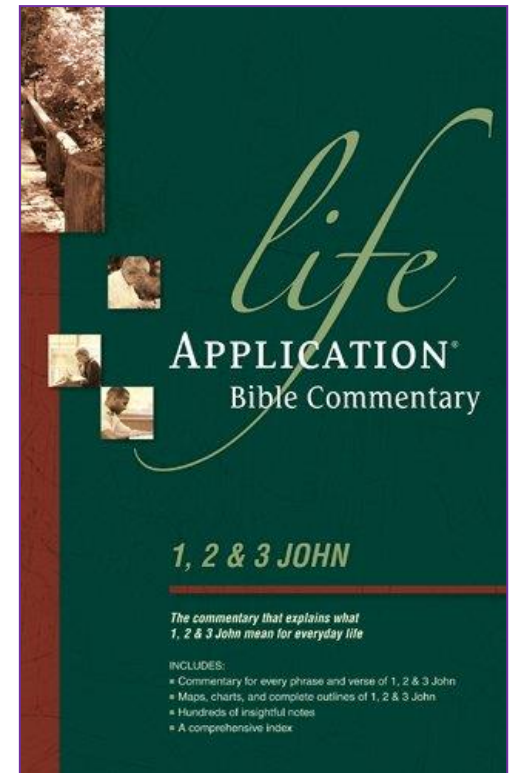
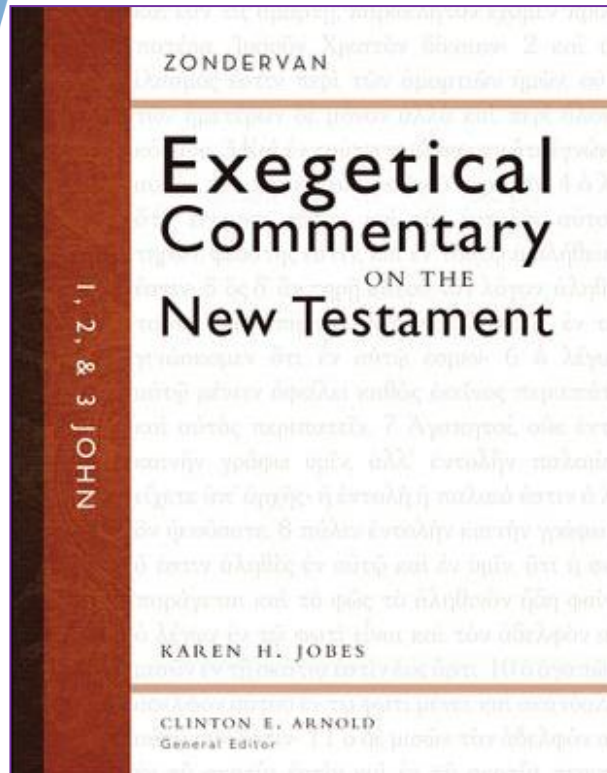


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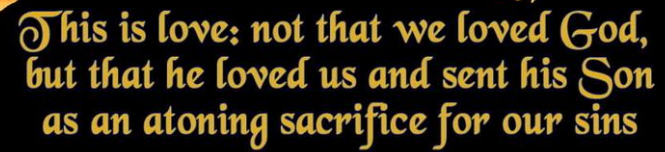
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## SIN AND THE CHILD OF GOD

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**<sup>4</sup> Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.**

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**7** Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. **8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

... 1 John 3:7-8 ...NKJV



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**9** Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

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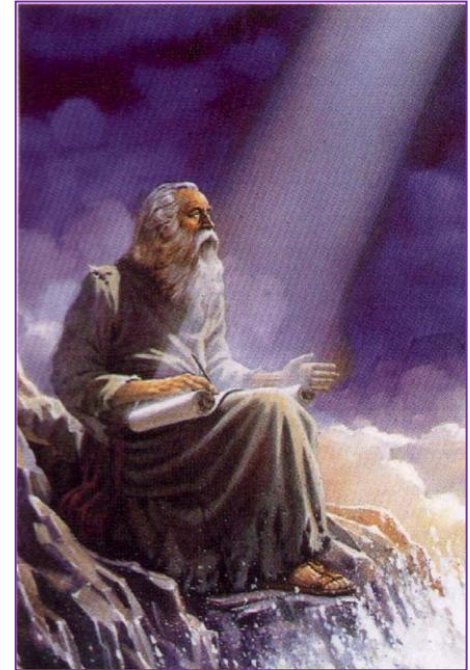


# 1 John Review

- Fellowship
  - Our Fellowship is in the Light
    - God is Light
    - Vertical and Horizontal Relationships
  - Not just coffee and a donut
    - Investment
    - Partnership
    - Commitment

## FABLE OF THE CHICKEN AND THE PIG

- Love Not the World
- Antichrists are Here

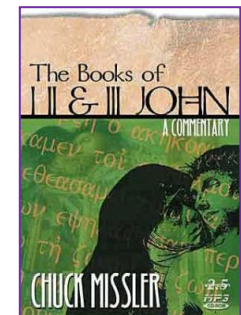
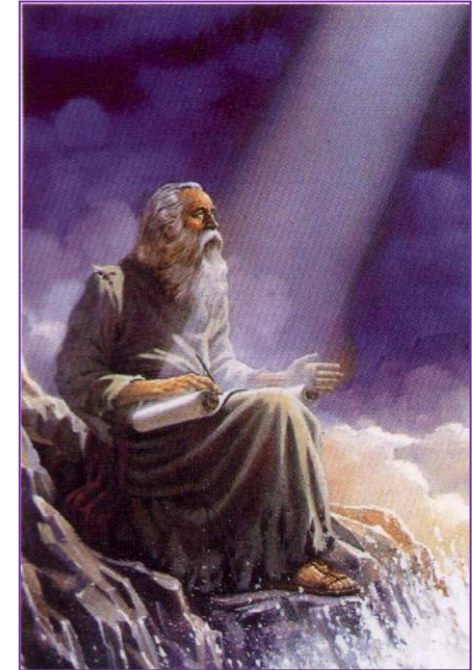


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## • Abide in Him

- Abide means to remain in fellowship
- Our fellowship (*Koinonia*) is in the Light-God
- IF we *abide* in Christ, we walk as He walked. (1 John 2:6)
- IF we love our brother, we *abide* in the light. (1 John 2:10).
- IF the Word *abides* in us, we will be spiritually strong. (1 John 2:14)
- IF we do the will of God, we shall *abide* forever. (1 John 2:17)

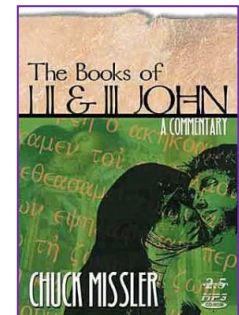
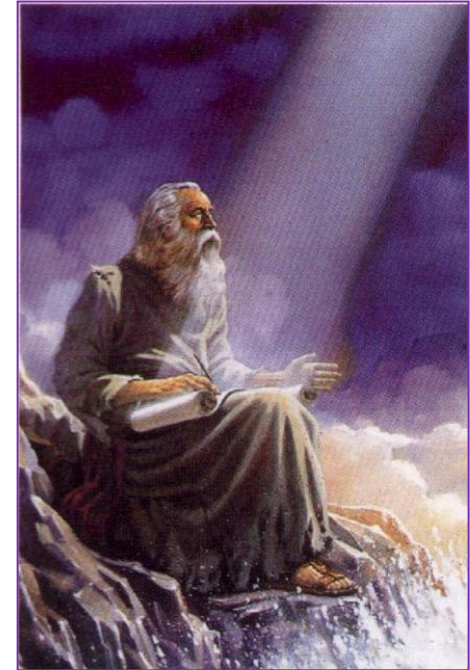


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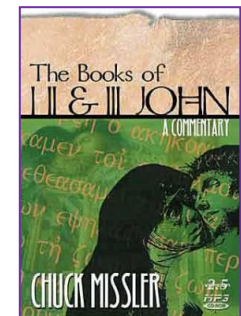
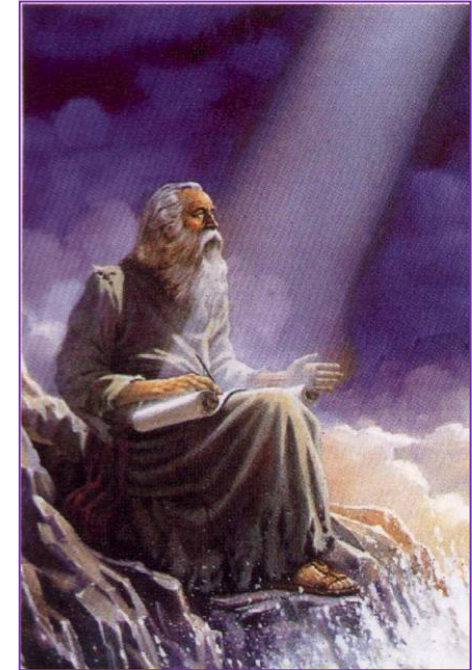
- The anointing (of the Holy Spirit) **abides** in us and we should abide in the Spirit (1 John 2:27).
- We **abide** in the Word, in the Spirit, and in Christ (1 John 2:28).



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- Confidence and Not Be Ashamed
    - Christians begin by believing and trusting in Jesus. Then what?
    - We are to continue (*abide*) in Him so that when Jesus comes again we may be confident and unashamed
      - Second coming
- Those who do **not** abide in Him
  - Will be ashamed at His appearing.



ARE YOU ABIDING IN HIM?



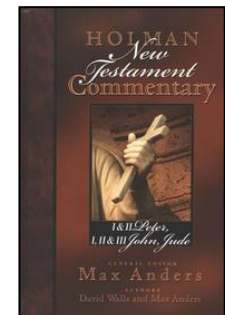
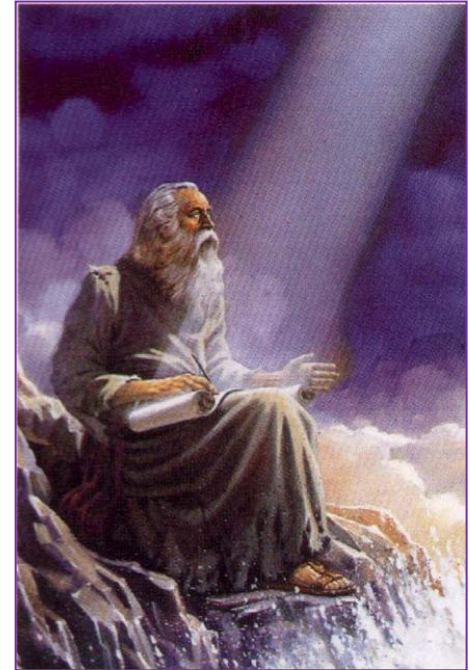
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**Ephesians 2:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



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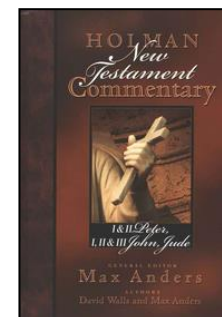
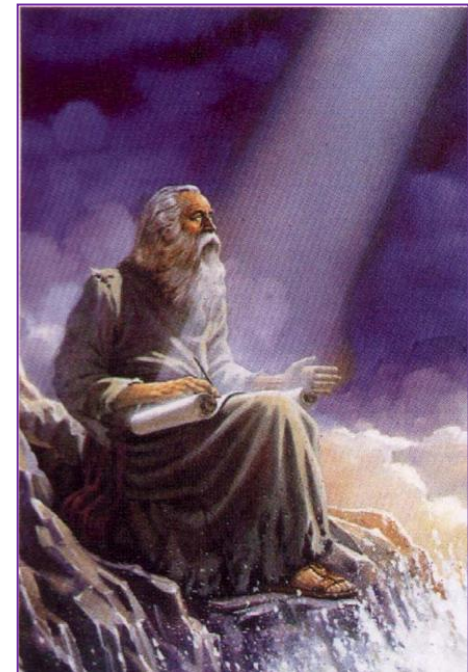
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**James 2:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

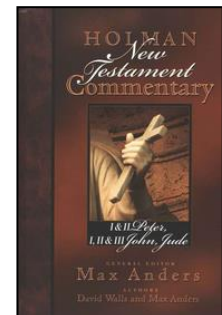
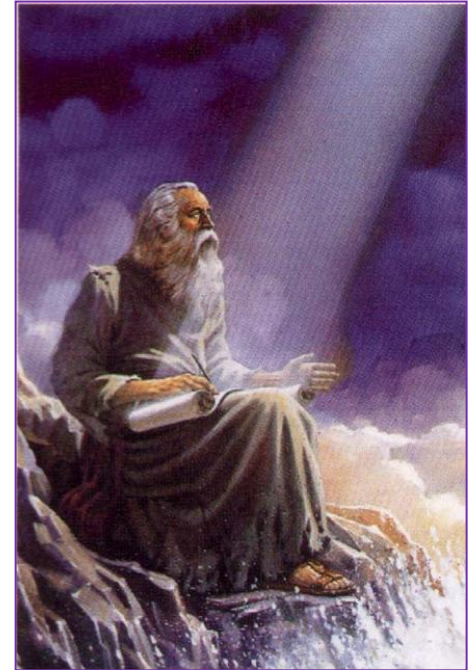


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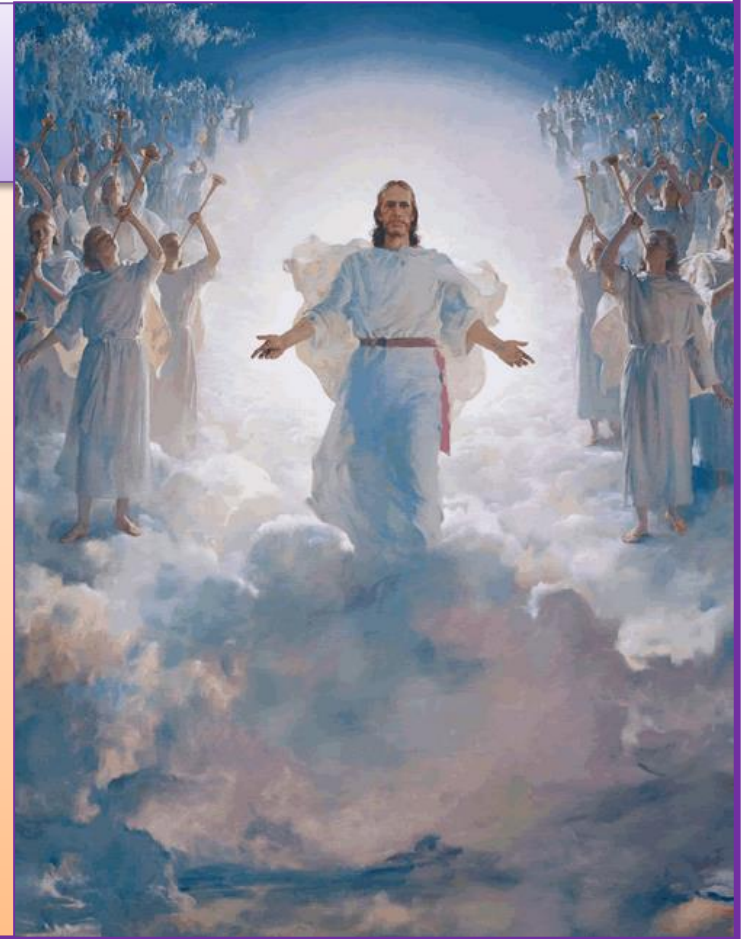
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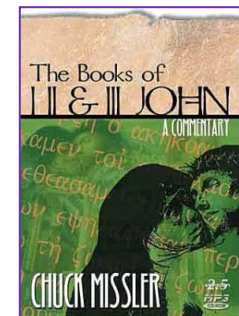
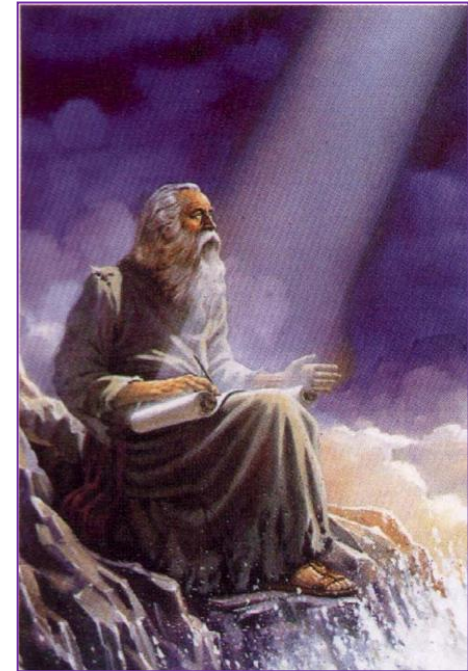




# 1 John 3:1-10 - OUTLINE

## THREE REASONS FOR A LIVING A HOLY LIFE

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God the Holy Spirit Lives in Us	vv. 7-9



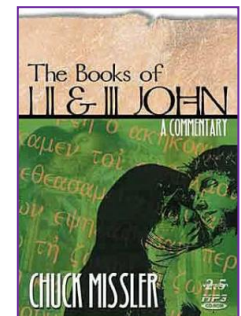
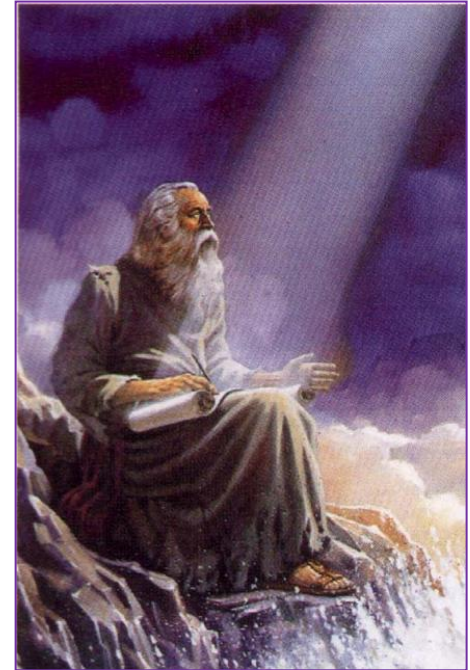
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## • What Manner of Love

- While we were His enemies God loved us and sent His Son to die for us!
- Romans 5:8-11

**8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **11** And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

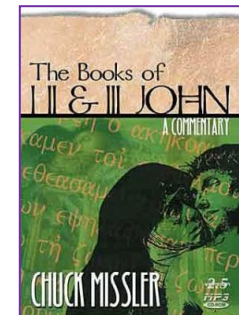
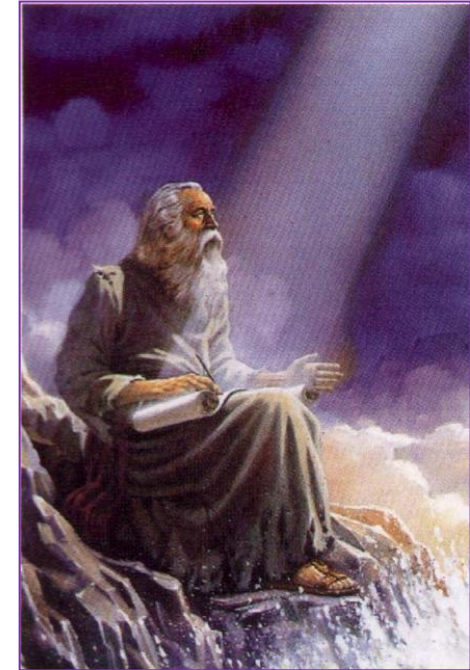




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  - **Romans 5:8-11**
- **Children of God**
  - Not simply a high-sounding phrase
  - It is a critical reality.
  - Direct Creation of God
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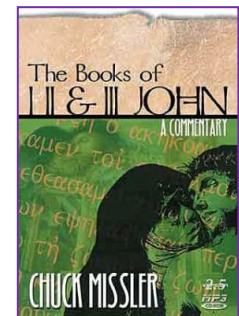
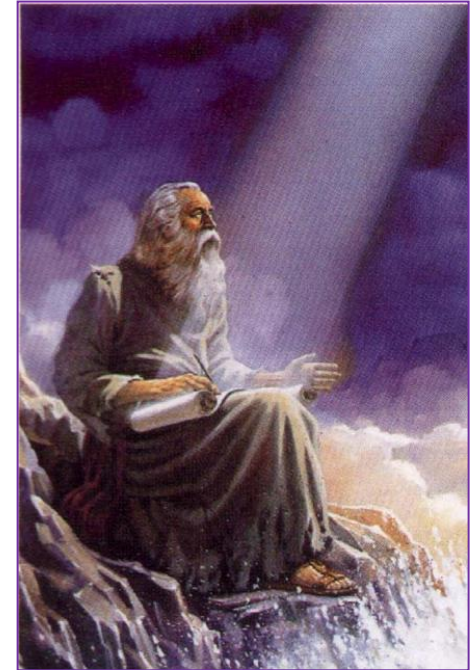
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- 10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### - Direct Creation of God

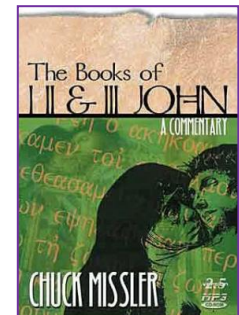
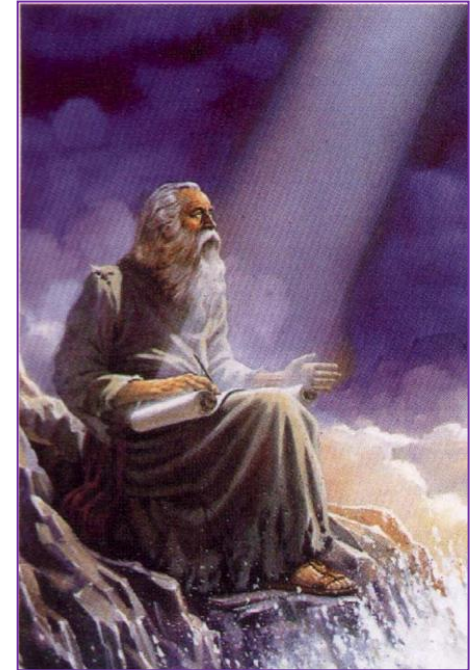
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# 1 John 3:2 - OBSERVATIONS

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- What we shall be
    - Verse 1 tells what we are;
    - Verse 2 tells what we shall be.
  - Revealed
    - When He is revealed - We shall be like Him
    - We shall have a glorified body
- Glorified body properties
    - Multi-dimensional
    - Never breaks down, or fatigue
    - No sickness, disease
    - Heighted focus
    - Only divine nature - sin nature banished

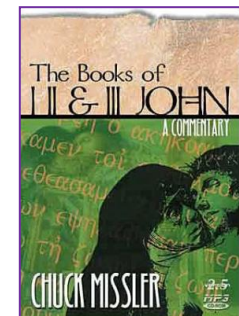
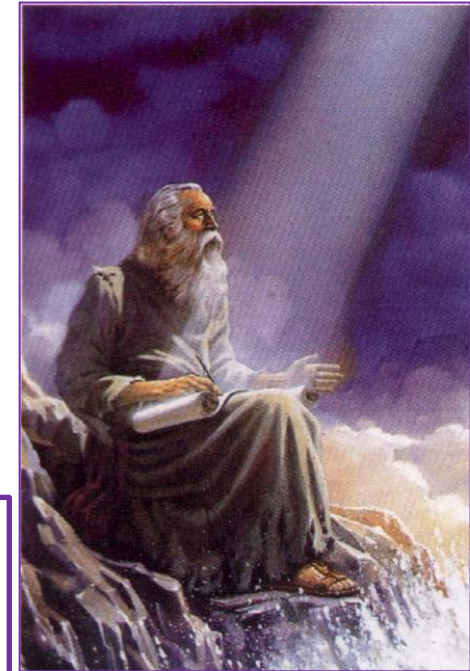


# 1 John 3:3 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

- Purifies himself

- In view of His imminent return, we should keep ourselves clean.
- All this is to remind us of the Father's love.
- He wants us to live with Him every day.
- Salvation, from start to finish, is an expression of the love of God.
- An unbeliever who sins is a creature sinning against his Creator.
- A Christian who sins is a child sinning against his Father.





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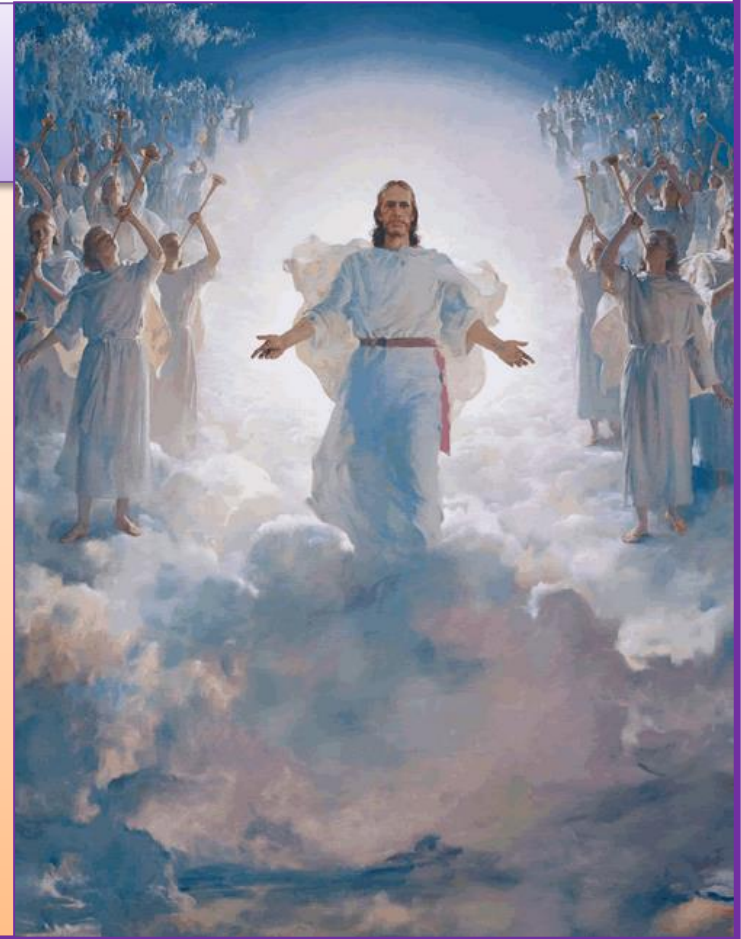
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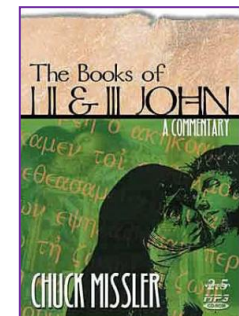
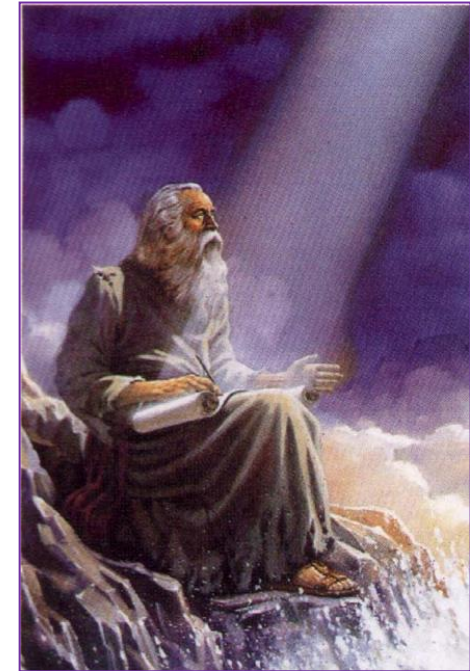
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- Sin is Lawlessness

## BIBLICAL DEFINITIONS OF SIN

Romans 14:23	<sup>23</sup> But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because <i>he does</i> not <i>eat</i> from faith; for whatever <i>is</i> not from faith is sin.
Proverbs 24:9	<sup>9</sup> The devising of foolishness <i>is</i> sin, And the scoffer <i>is</i> an abomination to men.
James 4:17	<sup>17</sup> Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do <i>it</i> , to him it is sin.
1 John 5:17	<sup>17</sup> All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not <i>leading</i> to death.





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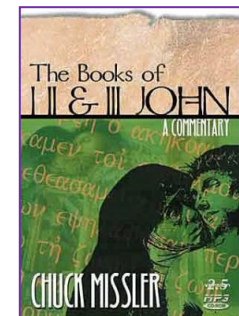
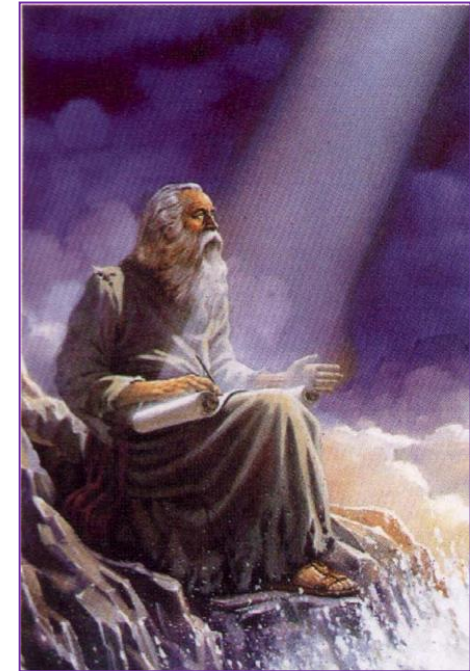
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- **Manifested**

- “Manifest” means “appear”
- John now turns from the future appearing of the Lord Jesus (1 John 3:2)
- To His past appearing (1 John 3:5)
- Jesus was manifested to take away our sins
- In Him there is no sin

**JESUS DIED TO TAKE AWAY OUR SINS**

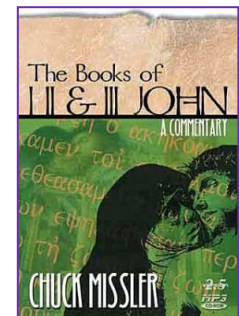
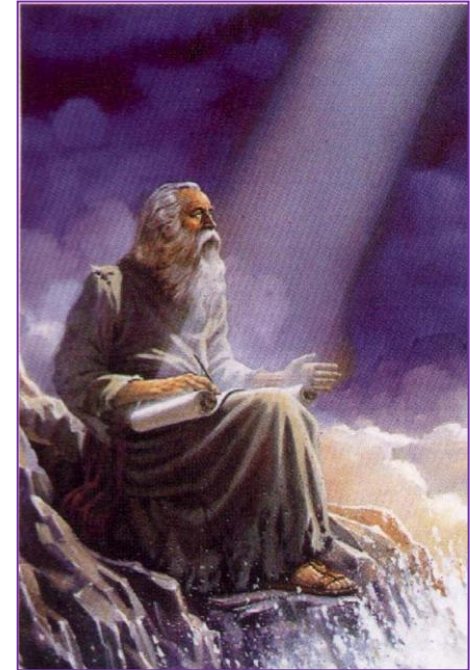


# 1 John 3:6 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>6</sup> Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

- Sinning

- For a child of God to sin indicates that he does not understand or appreciate what Jesus did for him on the Cross.
- A true believer does not live in habitual sin. He may commit sin—an occasional wrong act—but he will not practice sin.



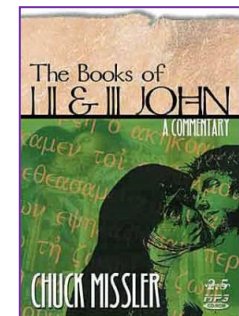
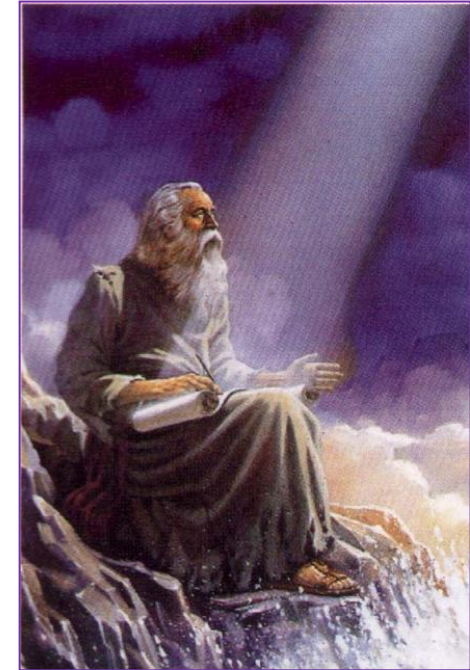
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- Sinning

- The unsaved person (*even if he professes to be a Christian but is a counterfeit*) lives a life of habitual sin; especially the sin of unbelief – it is the normal thing in the unsaved's life.

**2** And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. -- **Ephesians 2:1-3 ... NKJV**

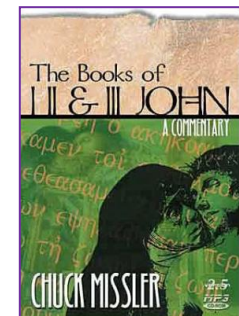
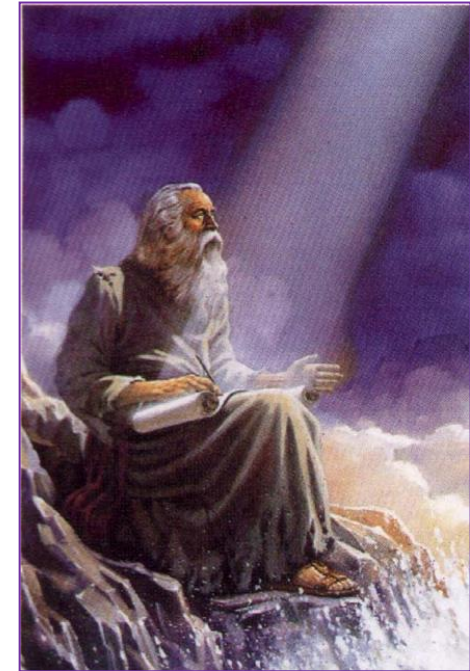


# 1 John 3:6 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>6</sup> Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

## • Sinning

- Every great personality of the Bible sinned at one time or another:
  - Abraham lied about his wife (twice)
  - Moses lost his temper and disobeyed God
  - David had his affair with Bathsheba and even resorted to murder
  - Peter denied the Lord three times
- But sin was not settled in the lives of these men. It was an incident in their lives, totally contrary to their normal lives, totally contrary to their normal habits.
- And when they sinned, they admitted it, repented of it, and asked God to forgive them.

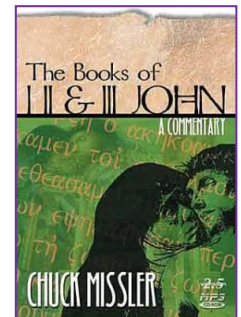
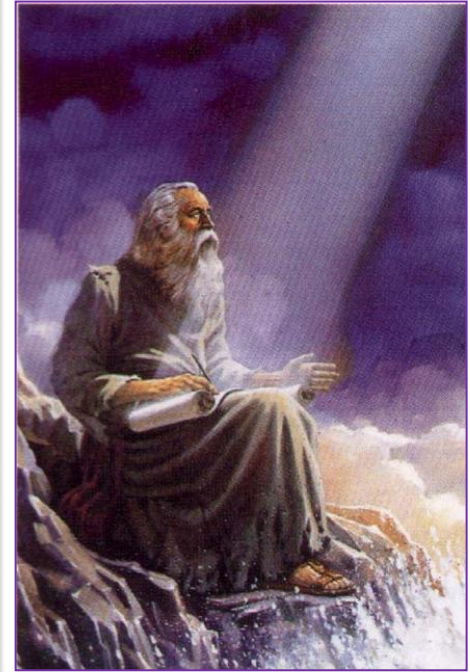




## 1 John 3:4-6 - PRINCIPLE

A TRUE CHRISTIAN KNOWS GOD. A COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIAN MAY TALK ABOUT GOD AND GET “INVOLVED” IN “RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES,” BUT HE DOES NOT REALLY KNOW GOD.

A TRUE CHRISTIAN LIVES A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE; HE DOES NOT PRACTICE SIN. CHRIST APPEARED IN ORDER TO TAKE AWAY OUR SINS.



# Lesson 07 - Outline

## ▪ 1 John: God is Light, Love and Life

### • Lesson 07: Children of God

#### ✓ SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

- Scripture Text - 1 John 2:28 - 3:9

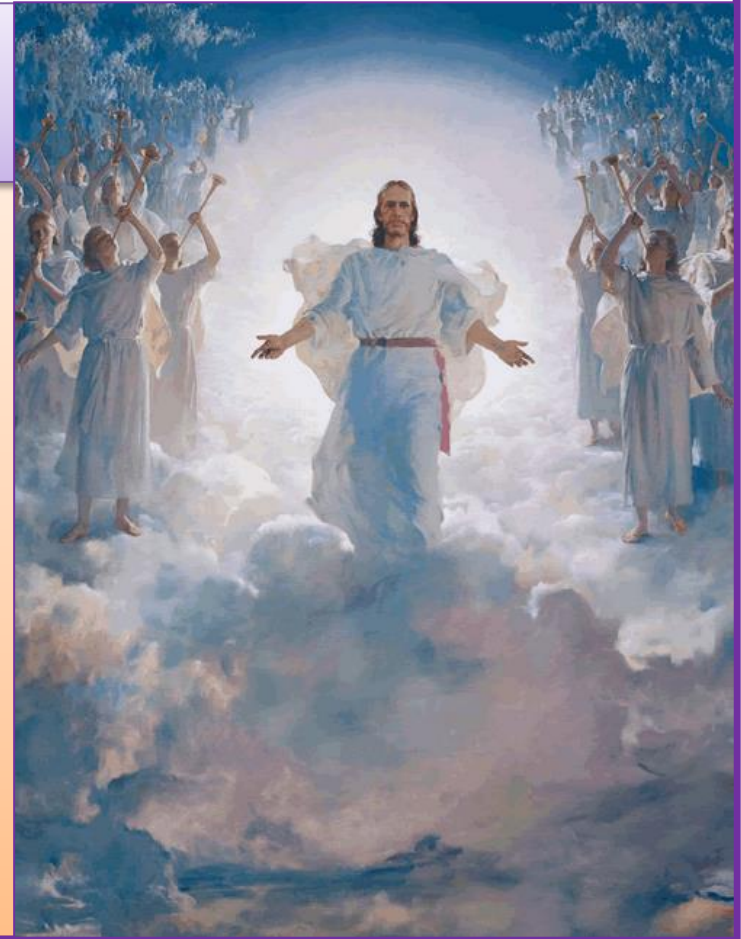
#### ✓ GOD LOVES US WITH GREAT LOVE

- Abide - Remain in Fellowship  
(2:28-29)

- God the Father Loves Us  
(3:1-3)

- God the Son Died For Us  
(3:4-6)

➡ - God the Holy Spirit Lives In Us  
(3:7-9)

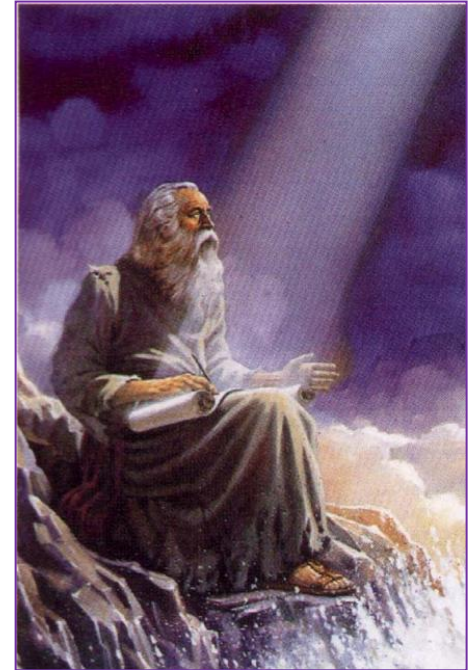




# 1 John 3:7 - OBSERVATIONS

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

- Let no one deceive you
  - We are commanded “*be not deceived*”
    - Luke 21:8
    - 1 Corinthians 6:9
    - 1 Corinthians 15:33
    - Galatians 6:7
    - James 1:16
  - He who practices righteousness is righteous
  - Just as Jesus is righteous



# 1 John 3:8 - OBSERVATIONS

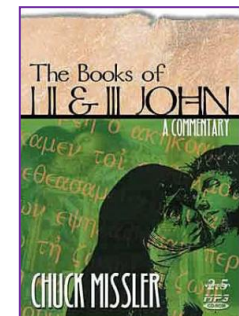
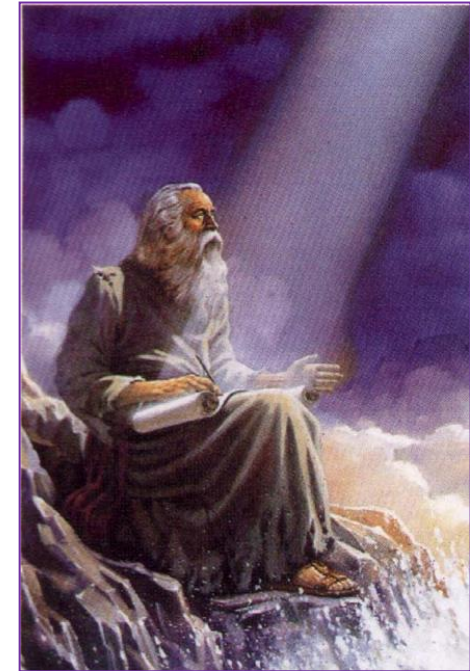
<sup>8</sup> He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

## • Destroy

- "...destroy" does not mean "annihilate."  
Satan is certainly still at work today!
- *Destroy* here, means "to render inoperative, to rob of power."
- Jesus compares this world to a palace that contains many valuable goods.
- A strong man is guarding his palace

**Luke 11:14-23**

- Every time a lost sinner is won to Christ, more of Satan's "spoils" are taken from him.

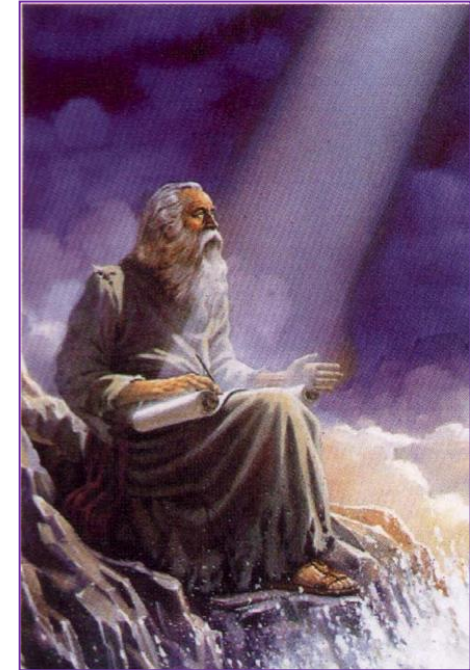


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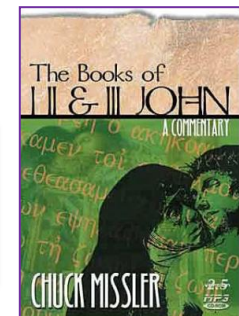
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## • Destroy

- Christ appeared in order to destroy the works of the devil.
- IF a man knows God, he will obey God;
- IF he belongs to the devil, he will obey the devil.
- John accepts the reality of a personal devil:
  - Satan = *Adversary*
  - Devil = *Accuser*
  - Abaddon or Apollyon = *Destroyer*
  - Prince of this world
  - Dragon



CHRIST IS GOD BUT WAS WILLING TO BECOME A SERVANT;  
SATAN WAS A SERVANT WHO WANTED TO BECOME GOD.



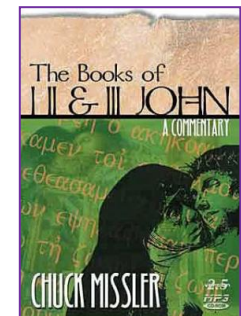
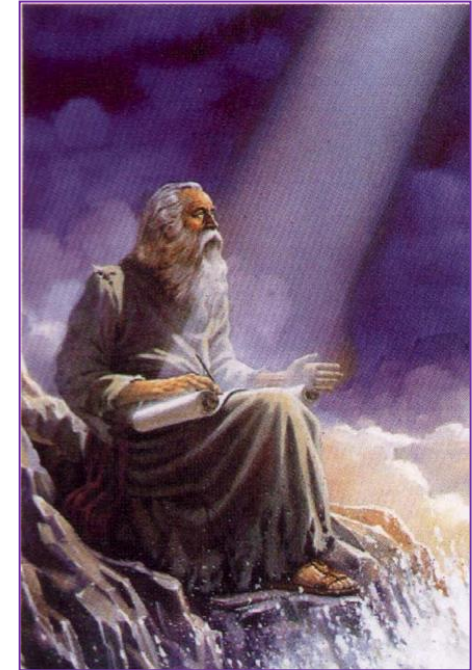
# 1 John 3:9 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>9</sup> Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

- **Born of God**

- **His seed**

- No one who is born of God practices sin.  
... he cannot practice sin because he is born of God.
    - Why?
    - Because he has a new nature within him, and that new nature cannot sin.
    - John calls this new nature God's "seed."



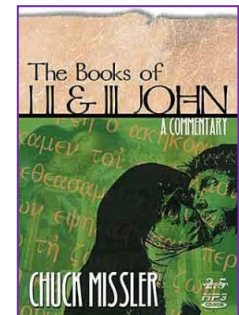
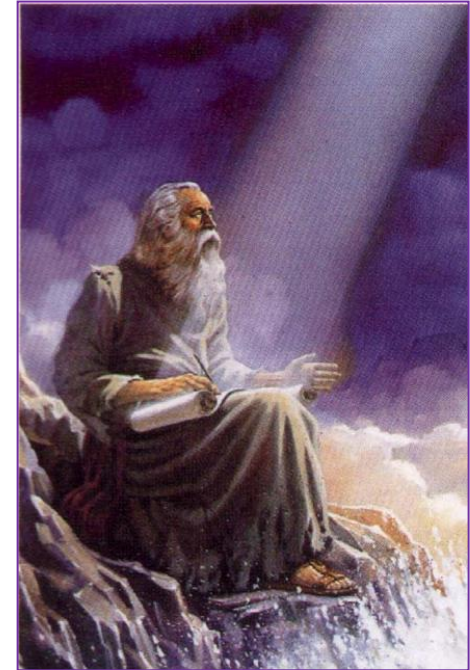


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- **Born of God**

- There is more in the death of Christ on the Cross than simply our salvation from judgment, as wonderful as that is.
- Through His death, Christ broke the power of the sin principle in our lives – **Romans 6-8** is this identification with Christ in His death and resurrection.
- Christ not only died for me, but I died with Christ!
- Now I can yield myself to Him and sin will not have dominion over me.







# **THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST**



# 1 John: God is Light, Love and Life

## Lesson 08: The Imperative of Love

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