



1st John

God is Light, Love and Life

Lesson 03

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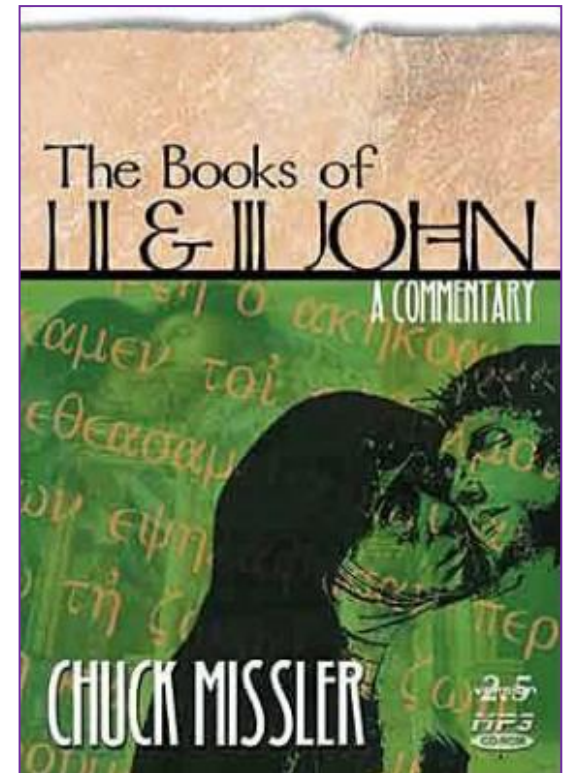
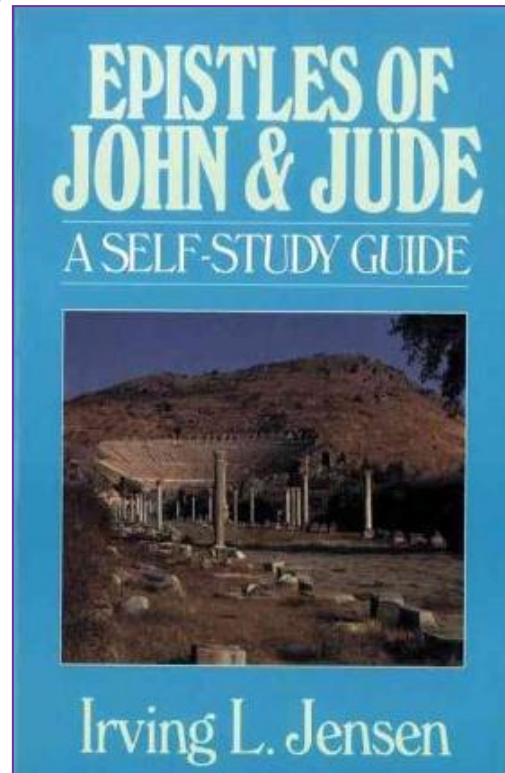
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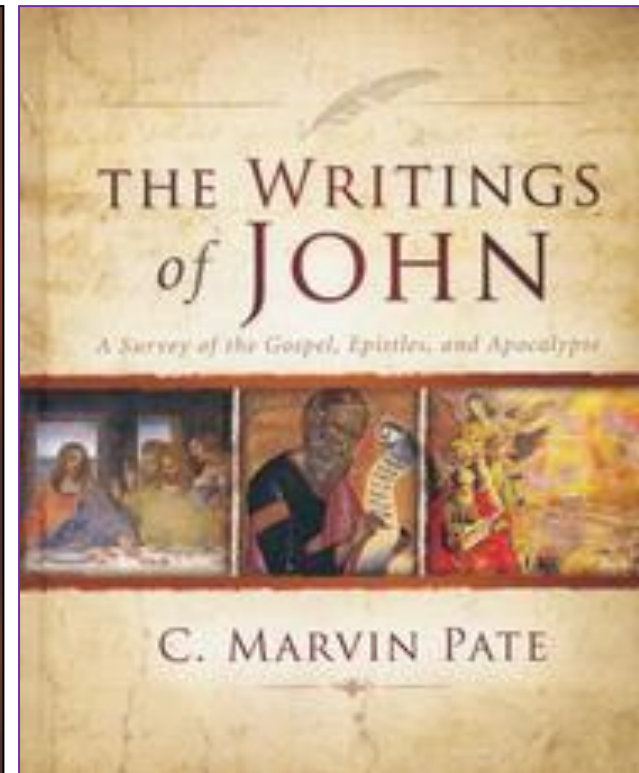
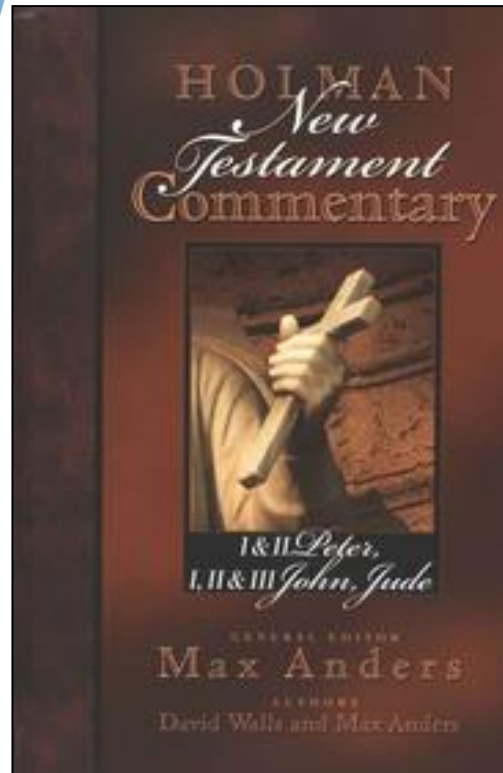


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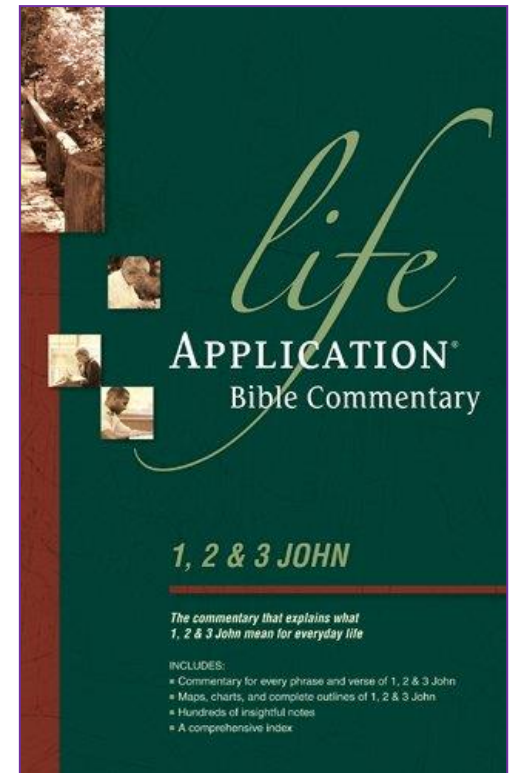
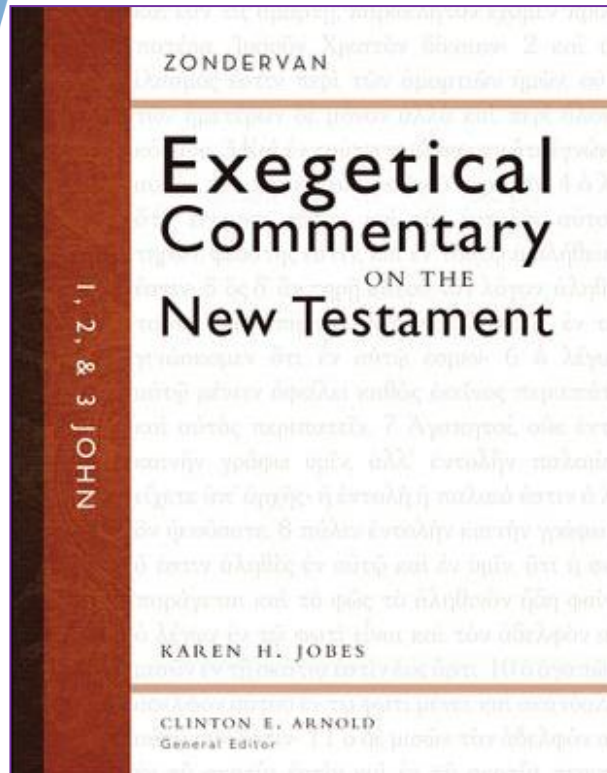


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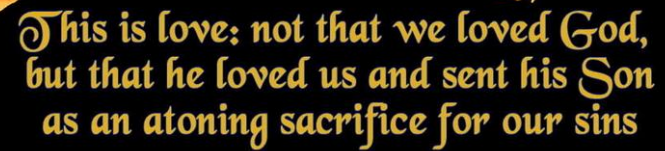


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Scriptural Context

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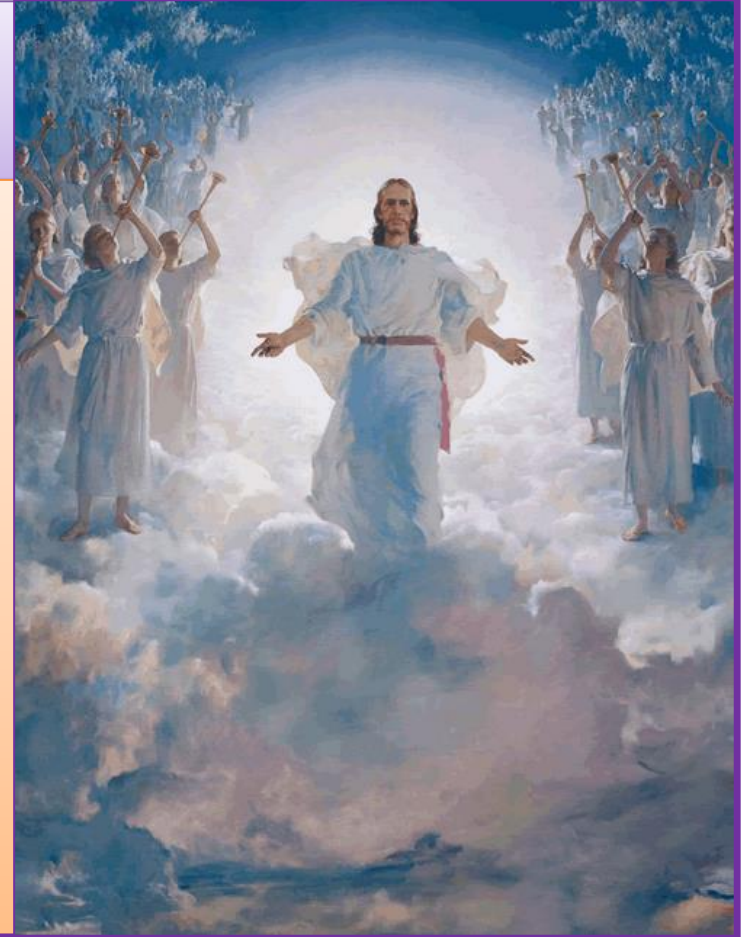
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FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND ONE ANOTHER

1 JOHN 1:5-2:2

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... 1 John 1:5-7 ...NKJV



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... 1 John 1:8-10 ...NKJV



Scriptural Text: 1 John 1:5-2:2 ... Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND ONE ANOTHER

1 JOHN 1:5-2:2

2 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.

... 1 John 2:1-2 ...NKJV



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Living in God's Light

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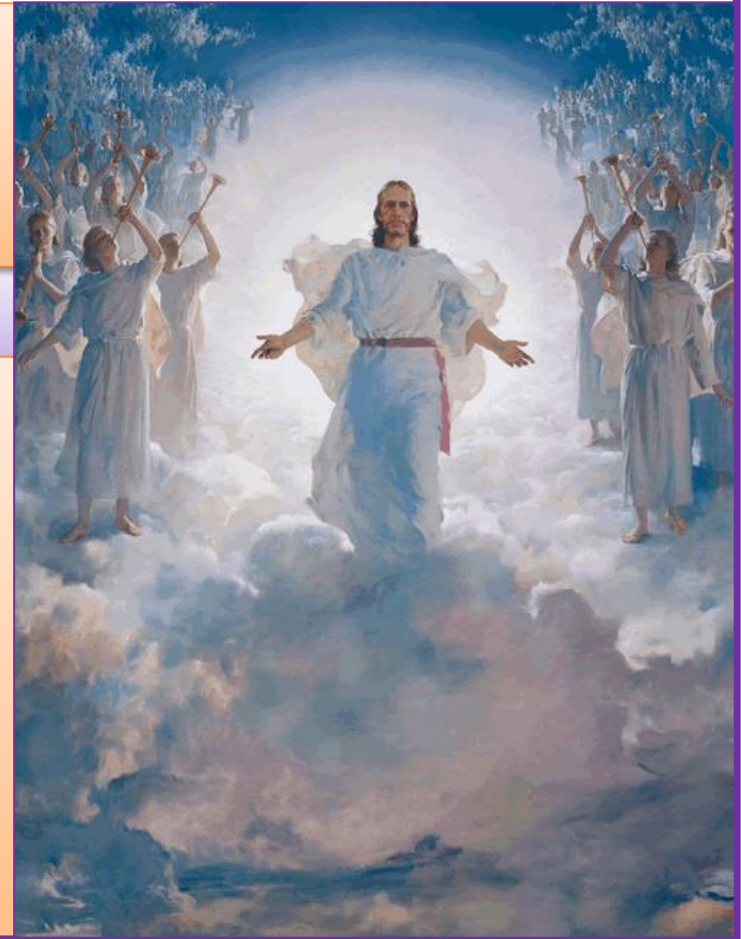
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- The Message

- What is “the message”?

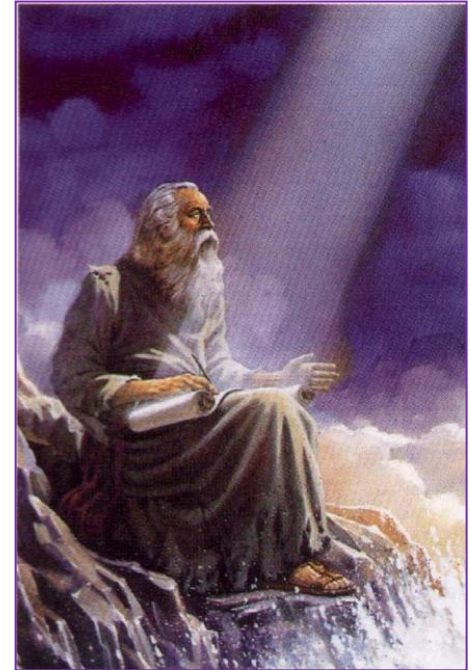
- God is light
 - In Him is no darkness at all

- Who are the “we”?

- John & the Apostles

- Who is the “Him”?

- Jesus the Christ
 - Jesus the Messiah



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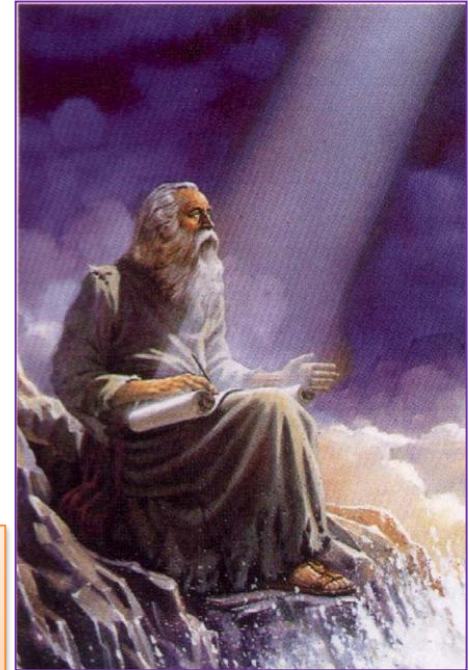
- God is Light - No Darkness at all

- Light / Darkness Contrast
- Light
 - Light is a metaphor for God
 - Light reveals
 - Light represents what is ...

- Good
- Pure
- True
- Holy

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."
 --- John 8:12 ... NKJV

- God is Light - Jesus is light (John 8:12)



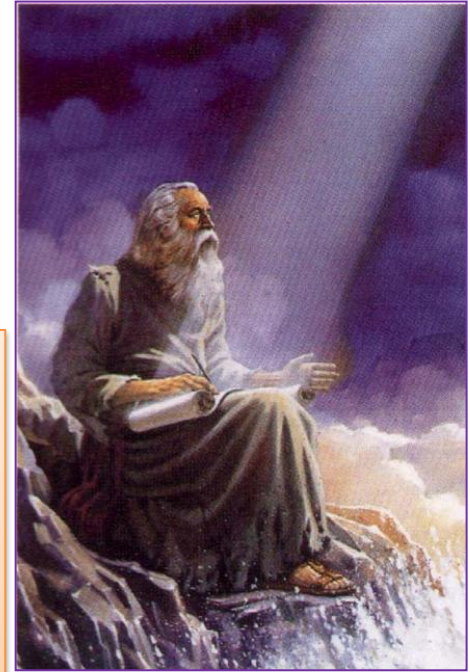
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- God is Light - No Darkness at all
 - Light will not mix with darkness
 - Genesis 1:1-5
 - John 1:1-4

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

--- Genesis 1:1-5 ... NKJV



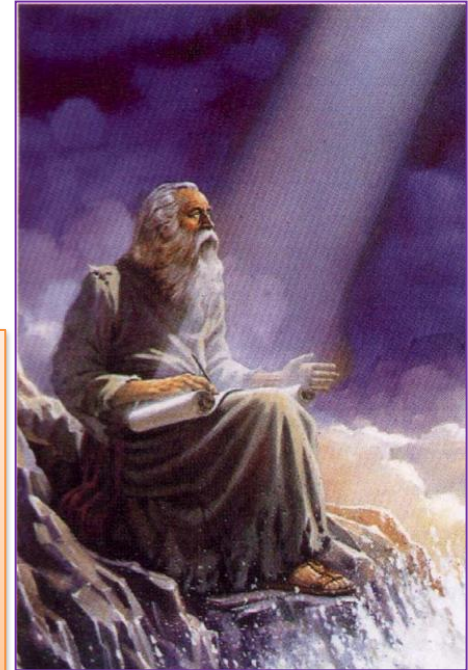
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1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

--- Genesis 1:1-5 ... NKJV



1 John 1:5 - OBSERVATIONS

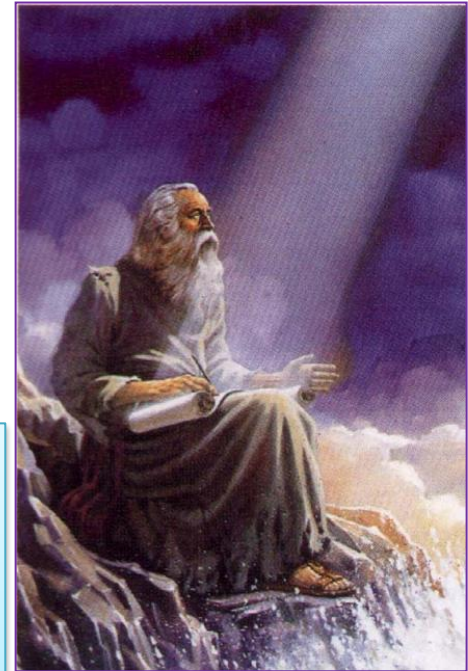
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- God is Light - No Darkness at all
 - Not a metaphysical statement
 - Leading to Pantheistic Error
 - All the photons in the universe have some divine quality - Star Wars... *"use the force"*

Pantheism is derived from the Greek *pan* (meaning "all") and *Theos* (meaning "God").

Pantheism is the belief that the universe (or nature as the totality of everything) is identical with divinity, or that everything composes an all-encompassing God.

Pantheists thus do not believe in a distinct person God. Some Eastern religions are considered to be pantheistically inclined.



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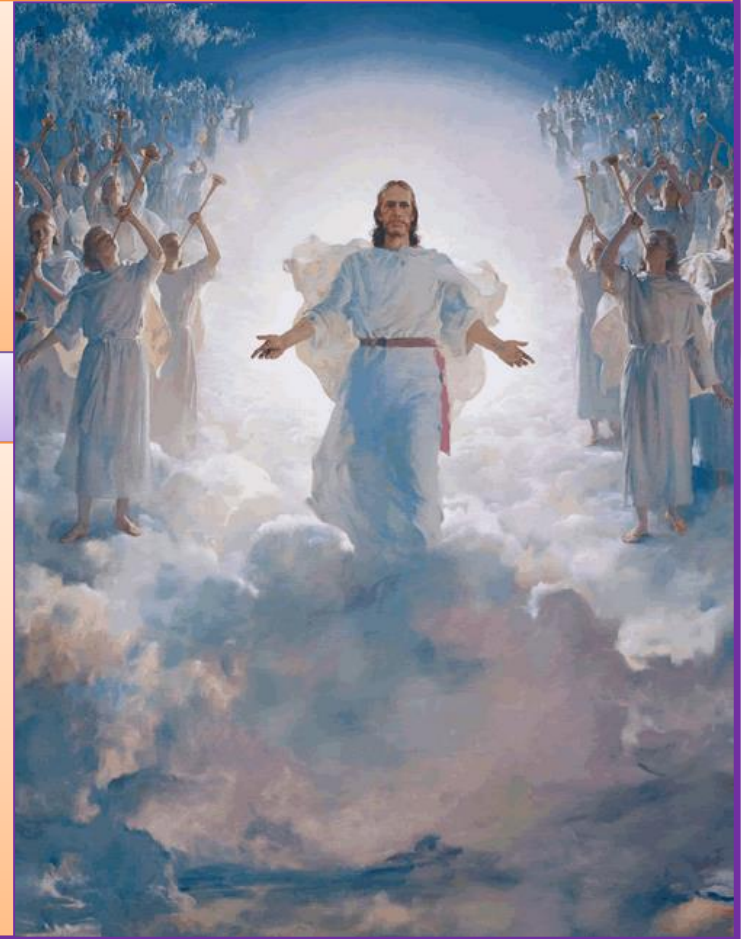
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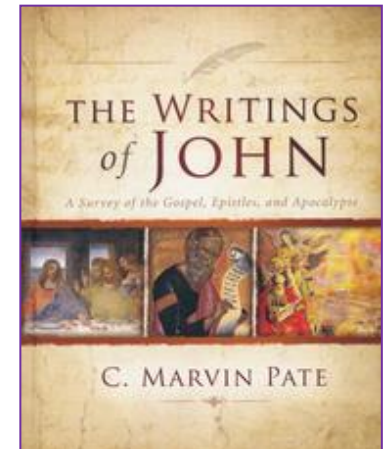
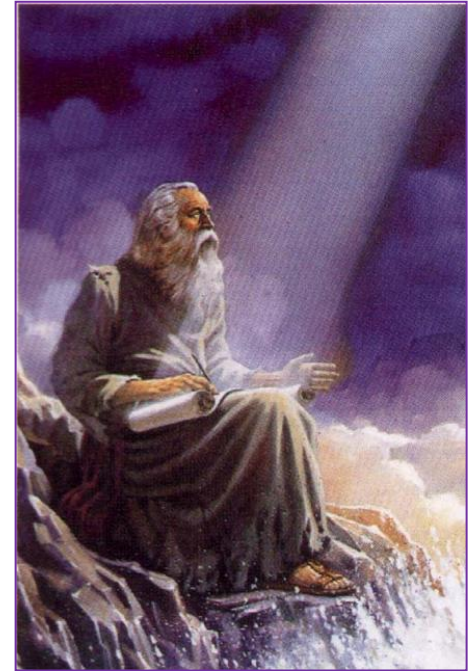
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1 John 1:6-2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

- Structure of the Rest of this Section (1:6-2:2)
 - Three Claims of the Gnostics
 - Verses 6, 8, & 10
 - John's Three Counter-Claims
 - Verses 7, 9, & 1b-2



1 John 1:6-2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

Gnostic Claim		John's Counter-Claim
Boast	True Nature	True Believer
(6) If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness	(6) Then we lie and we do not practice the truth	(7) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
(8) If we say we have no sin	(8) Then we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us	(9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us <i>our</i> sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(10) If we say we have not sinned	(10) Then we make Him liar and His Word is not in us	(1) 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.

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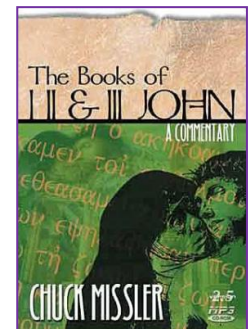
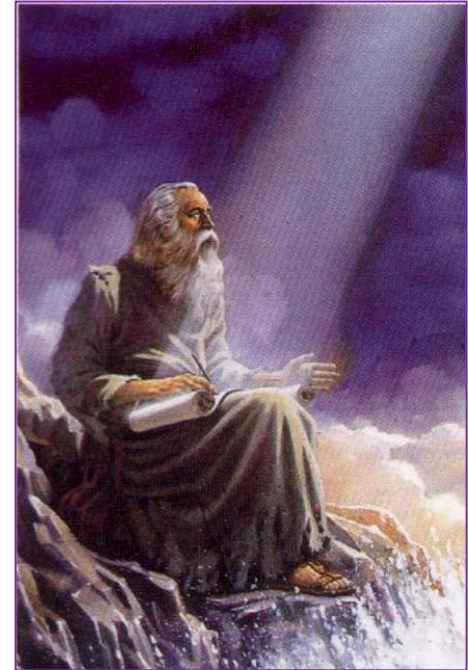
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• Walk in Darkness

- Gnostics claimed to have Fellowship with God - yet they walked in darkness

• What does "walk in darkness" mean?

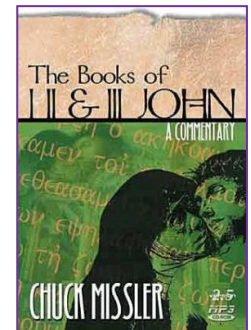
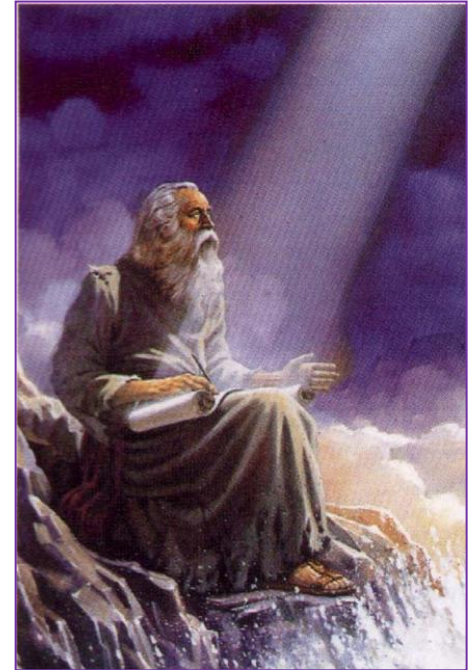
- It means to walk in sin and disobedience;
- It means to practice things that are contrary to the holiness and light of God.
- It means to reject Jesus as the Christ.



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- Fellowship
 - Relationship puts us into the family of God.
 - Fellowship is experiencing Christ;
 - It permits the life of the family to shine out through us.
 - God is holy
 - He cannot, and will not, tolerate sin.



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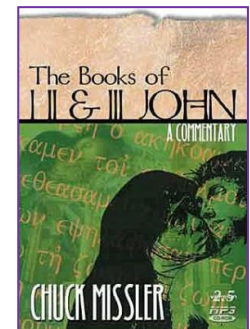
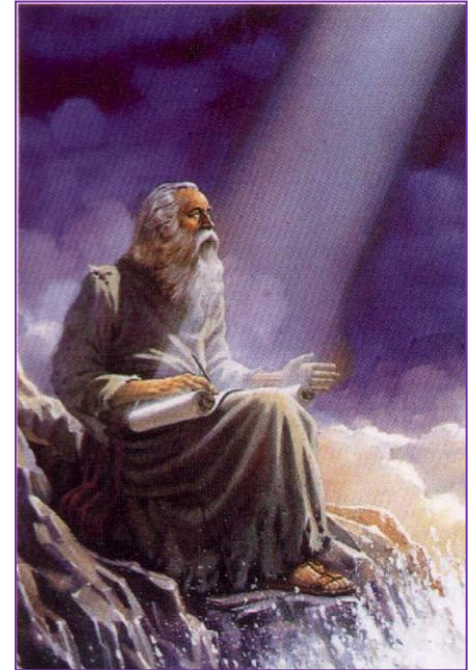
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- Fellowship

- If you are living in sin, God will not have fellowship with you.

You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, *And* hold Your tongue when the wicked devours A *person* more righteous than he?

--- Habakkuk 1:13 ... NKJV



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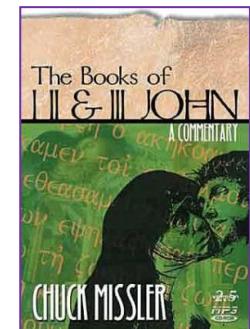
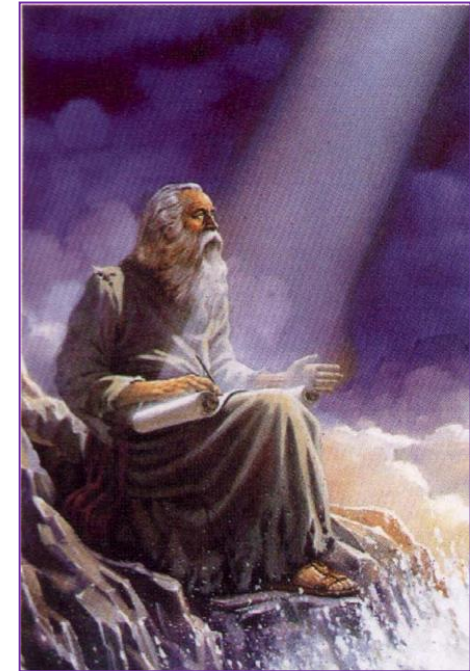
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• Fellowship

- A condition of our fellowship is that it must stand in the light of Him:
 - His ways; His terms.
- When you say you are in fellowship with God, you are saying, “I have stepped out of darkness and into the light.”

³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

--- Colossians 1:13-14 ... NKJV

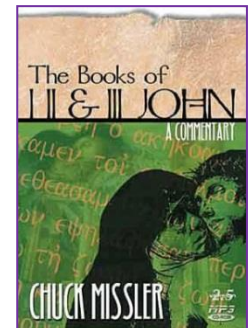
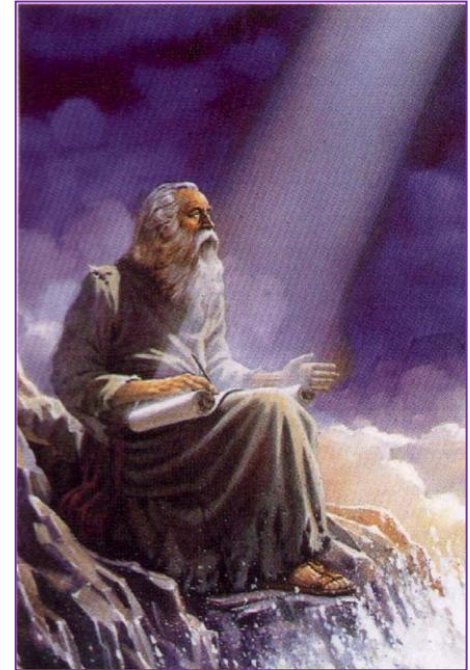


1 John 1:7 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Walk in the Light

- If I am going to walk in the light,
 - It means to hide nothing.
- If I am going to walk with God,
 - I am going to have to know His likes and dislikes.
- Our fellowship with one another is based on our walking in the light
 - Fellowship among believers results from each believer having fellowship with God.
- Fellowship versus Friendship



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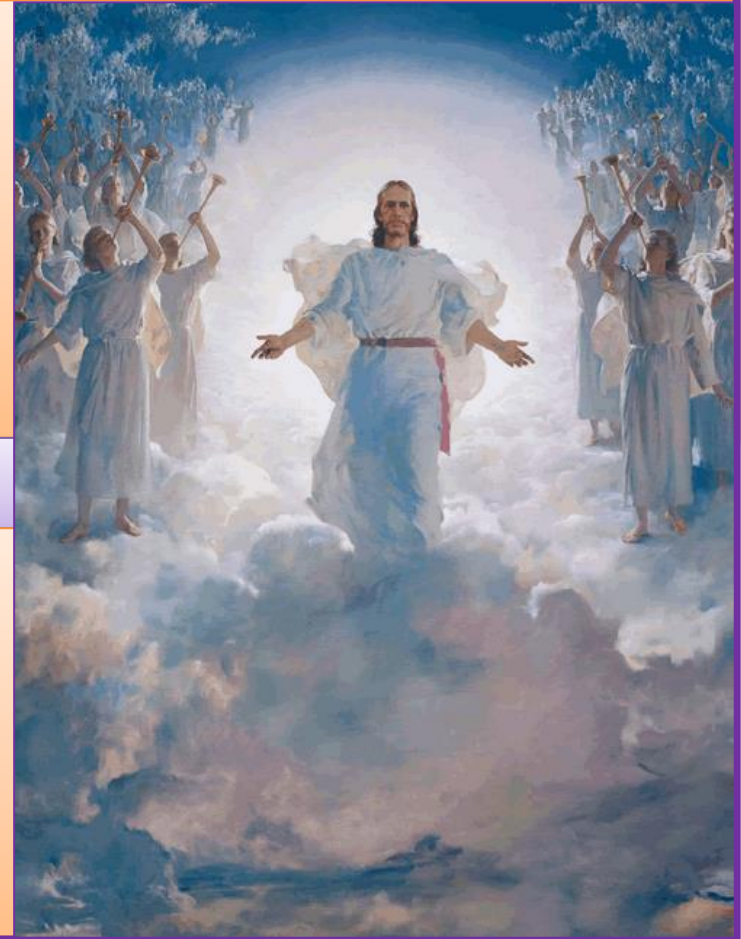
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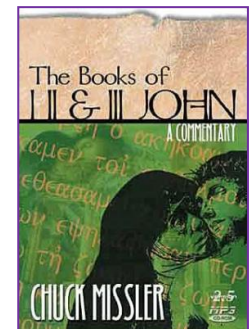
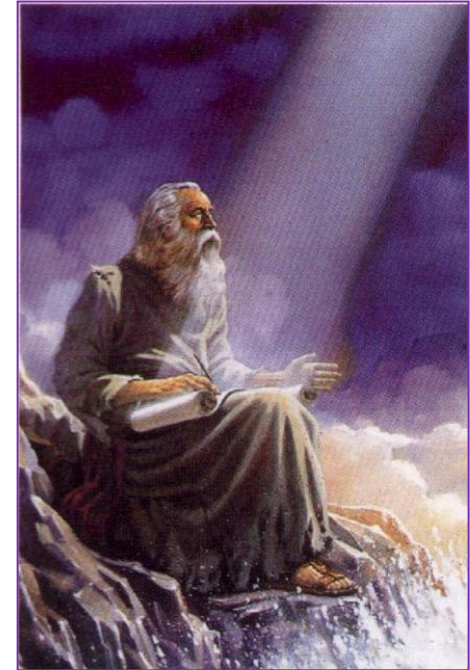


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• We Have No Sin

- It is essential to note the difference between “sin” and “sins.”
- Here it is singular, the genetic defect that is the root of our problem.
- Sin in man makes him want to play God on every occasion;
 - We want the world to revolve around us;
 - It is our innate self-centeredness, called pride, selfishness, self-will.



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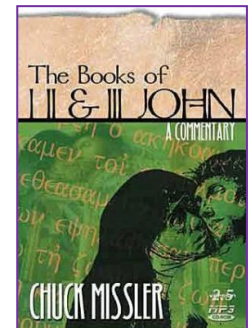
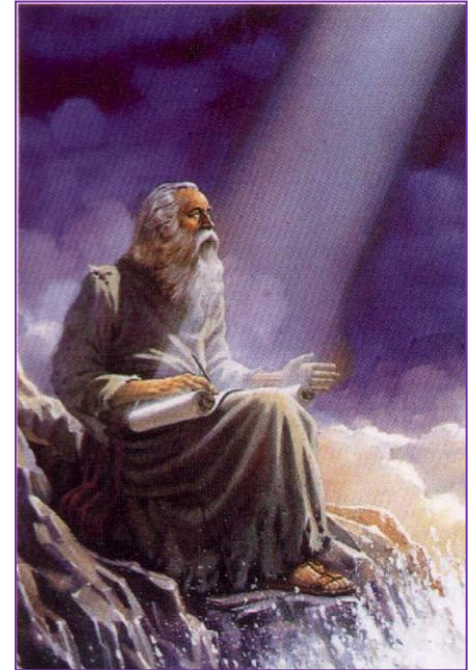
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- **We Have No Sin**

- In verse 9 it will be in the plural: the specific fruits of this root problem.

He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

--- Proverbs 28:13 ... NKJV

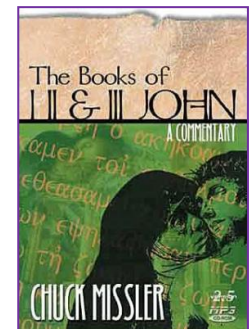
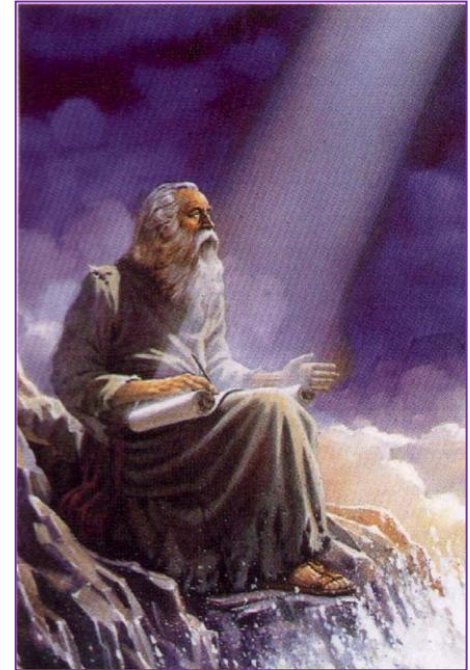


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⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

• If We Confess Our Sins

- “If we confess”: to say the same thing.
- We are to say the same thing that God says.
- That is, from His point of view.
- We need to acknowledge our ownership of our sin.
- We need to commit to forsake our sin.

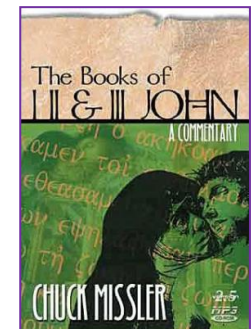
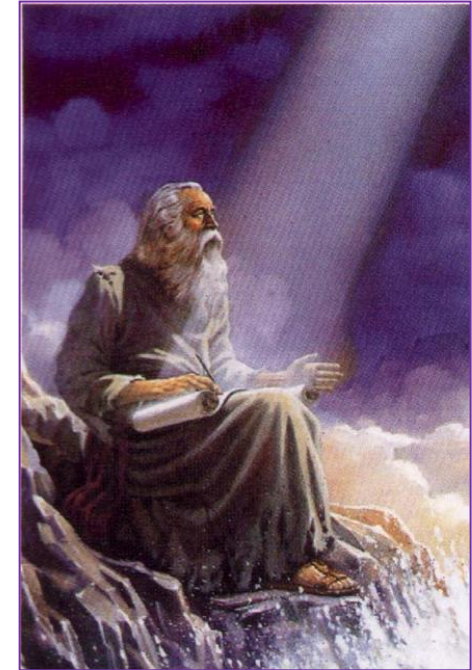


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• If We Confess Our Sins

- But let's not be general, or include "*conditionals*" like "*If we have*"
- Let's be specific, and admit ownership to the entire list of sins.
- Let's include "forsaking" in our prognosis and commitment.
- Repentance involves more than regret
 - It includes a commitment to turning from our sin.
- Yet, it's *His* faithfulness that is the key!
- Forgiveness (judicial); cleansing (hygienic).



1 John 1:10 - OBSERVATIONS

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• We Have Not Sinned

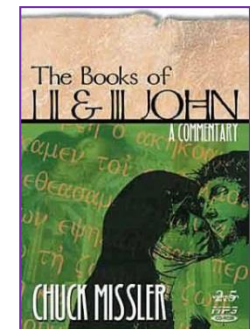
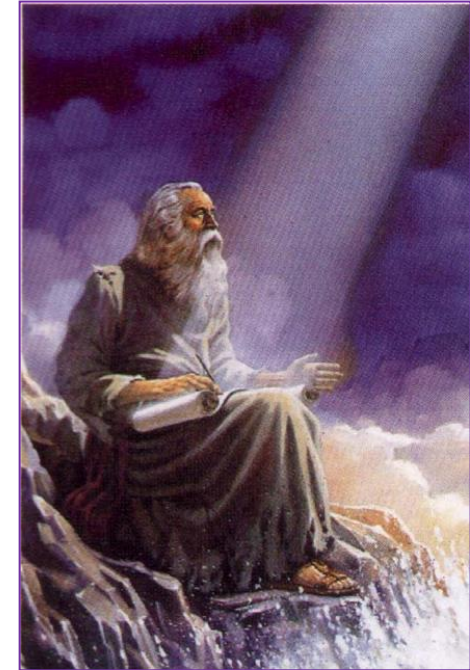
- It is remarkable to discover how many false cults deny the reality of the existence of sin

- Christian Science,
- Unity School of Christianity,
- Religious Science

- Also a prominent feature of non-Christian religions

- Theosophy
- Hinduism
- Buddhism.

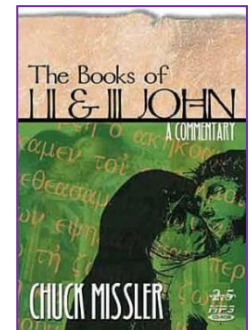
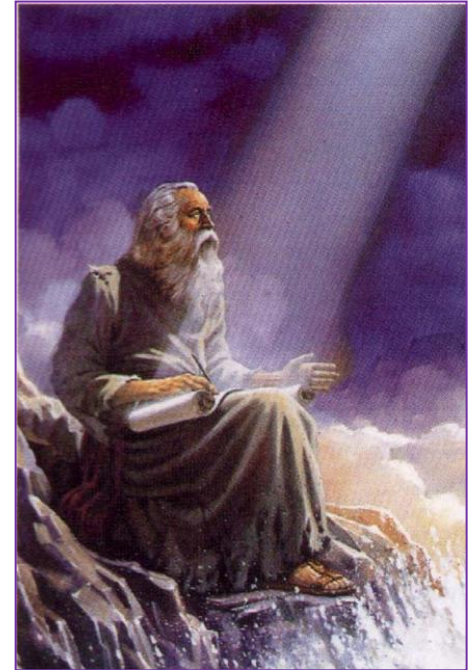
- They all teach that sin does not really exist.



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- We Have Not Sinned
 - Even the field of psychology
 - While acknowledging that guilt is at the core of most “mental illness,”
 - It can only treat the symptom, not the cause.
 - Sin is the cause.
 - Guilt is but a symptom.



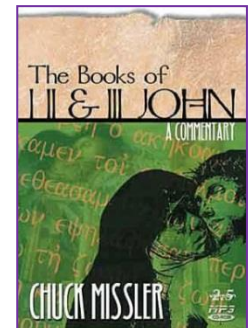
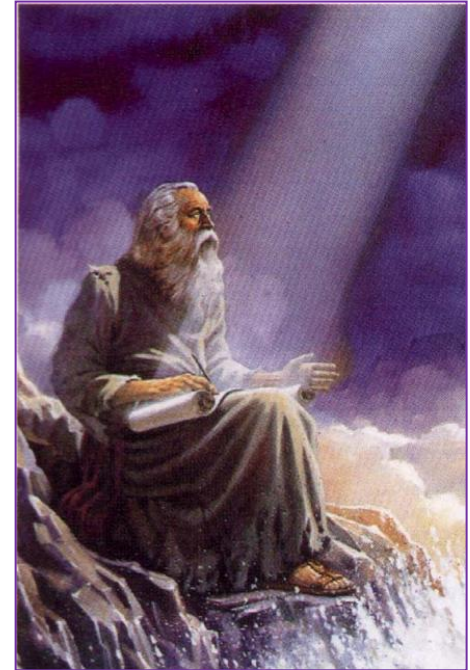
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- **We Have Not Sinned**

- The practical application of all this is simple and direct:

- Go to Him and talk with Him as you do to no one else.
- Tell Him your problems.
- Tell Him your sins (be specific).
- Tell Him your weaknesses.
- Lay it all out on the line.



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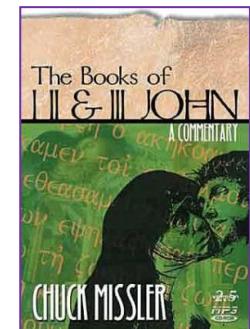
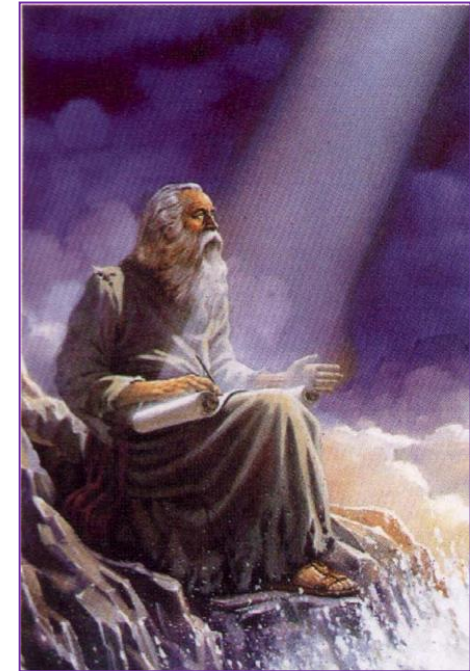
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- **We Have Not Sinned**

- The practical application of all this is simple and direct:

- Ask Him to forgive, cleanse, strengthen...and be serious about it.
 - Whenever we sin, we have an accuser, a prosecuting attorney who demands the death penalty because of our sin.

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Lesson 03 - Outline

▪ 1 John: God is Light, Love and Life

• Lesson 03: Fellowship

✓ SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

- Scripture Text - 1 John 1:5-2:2

✓ LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

- The Message (1:5) - GOD IS LIGHT

- Fellowship (1:6-7) - IN THE LIGHT

- Sin (1:8-10) - FORGIVE AND CLEANSE

 - Our Advocate (2:1-2) - JESUS



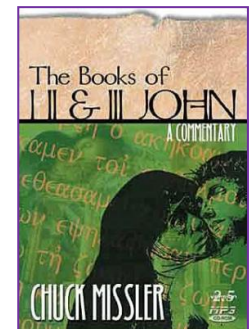
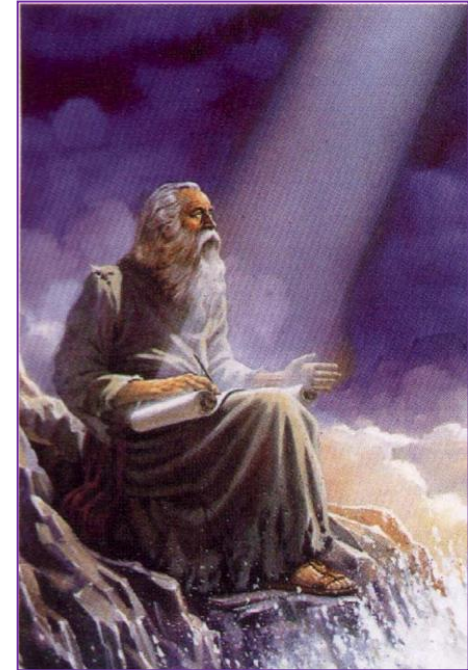
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• My Little Children

- Tekni, a *Teknia*

- “my little born ones” or
- “my little born-again ones;”

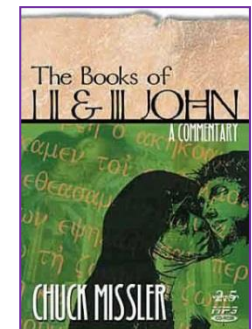
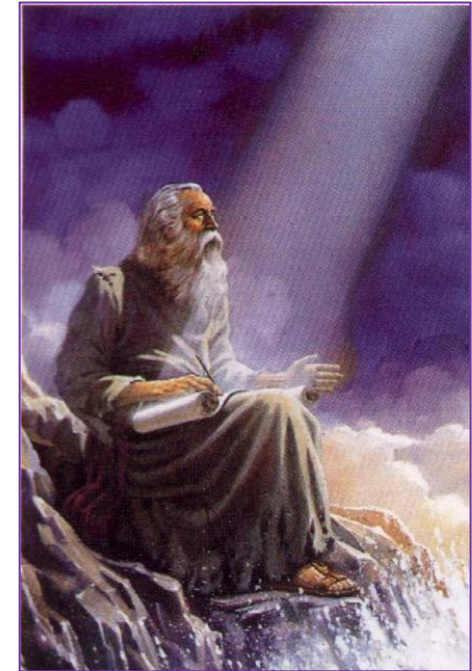


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- That you may not sin
 - 3rd of the 7 Purpose Statements

#	Reference
1	1 John 1:3
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4	1 John 2:13-17
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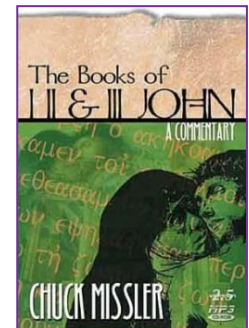
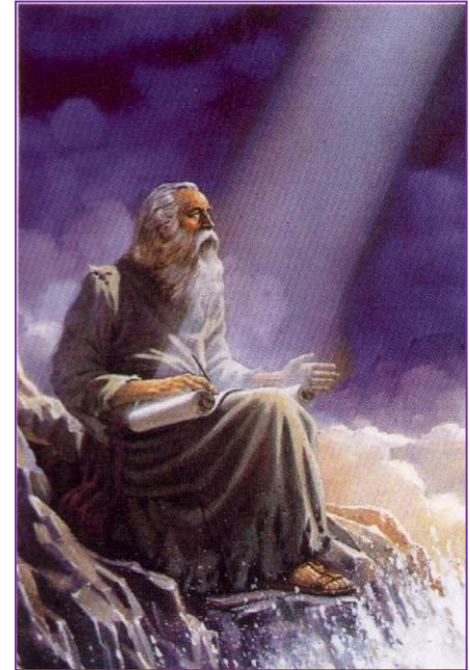


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• Advocate

- “advocate”: *parakletos*,
- The same word John used for the Holy Spirit
 - Our Paraclete,
 - Our Comforter,
 - “The one called alongside.”
 - We actually have two.
 - John 14:16
 - John 14:26
 - John 15:26
 - John 16:7

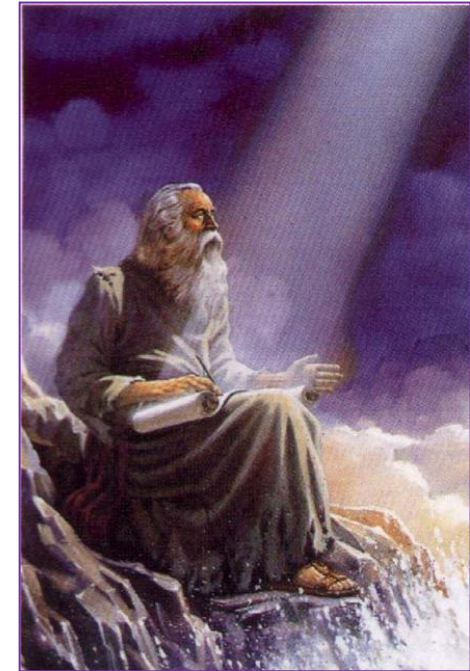


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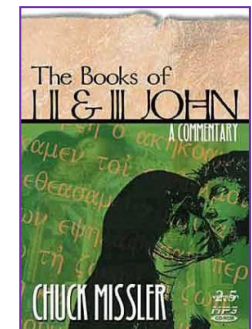
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• Advocate

- Jesus finished His work on earth,
- He is presently interceding for us before the Father's throne
 - John 17:4
 - Hebrews 7:25.
- He is our defense attorney.
- We have an aggressive adversary against us, "the accuser of our brethren"




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1 John 2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

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


- He is the Propitiation
 - “Propitiation”:
 - the satisfying of God’s holy law.

pro·pi·ti·a·tion  *noun* \prō-ˌpi-shē-ˈā-shən\

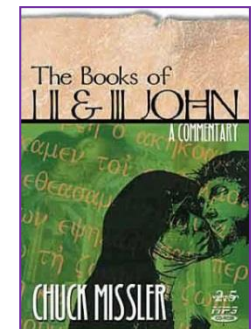
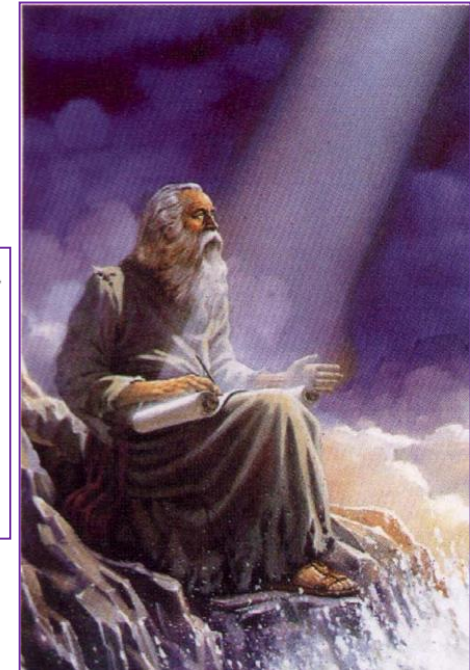
Definition of PROPITIATION

1 : the act of propitiating

2 : something that propitiates; *specifically* : an atoning sacrifice

pro·pi·ti·ate  *verb* \prō-ˈpi-shē-āt\

: to make (someone) pleased or less angry by giving or saying something desired



Jesus is Coming Soon!





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