



# 1<sup>st</sup> John

God is Light, Love and Life

*Lesson 02*

## Jesus Christ is God's Son

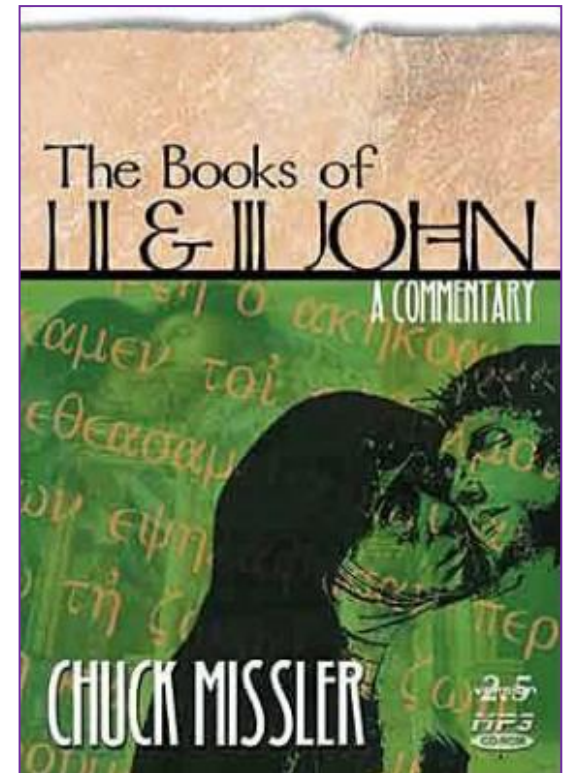
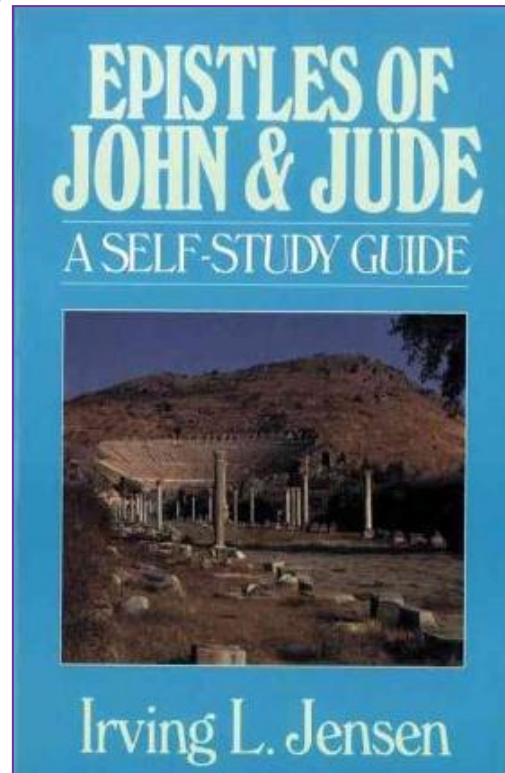
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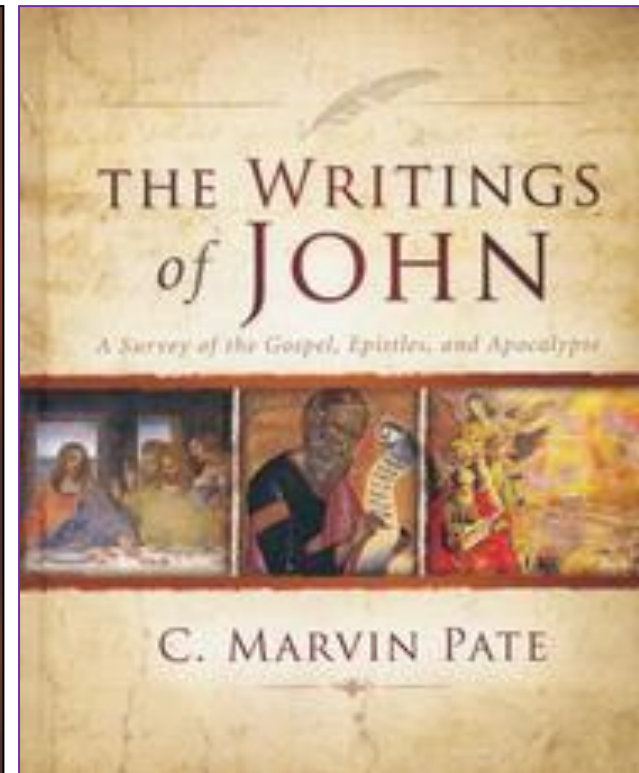
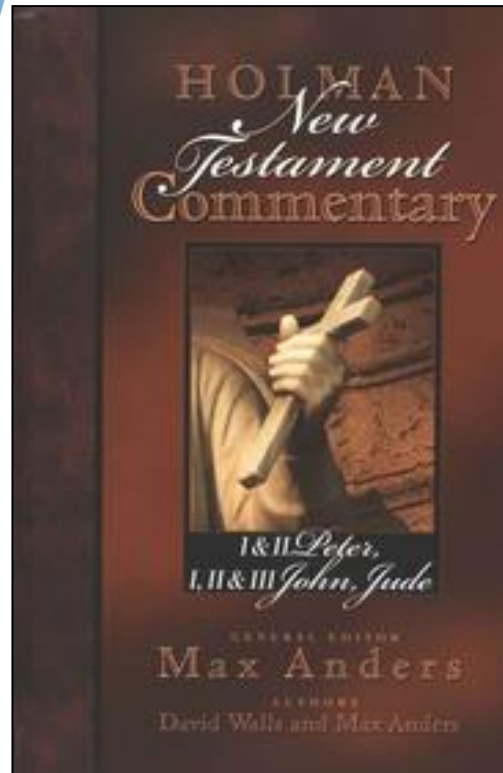


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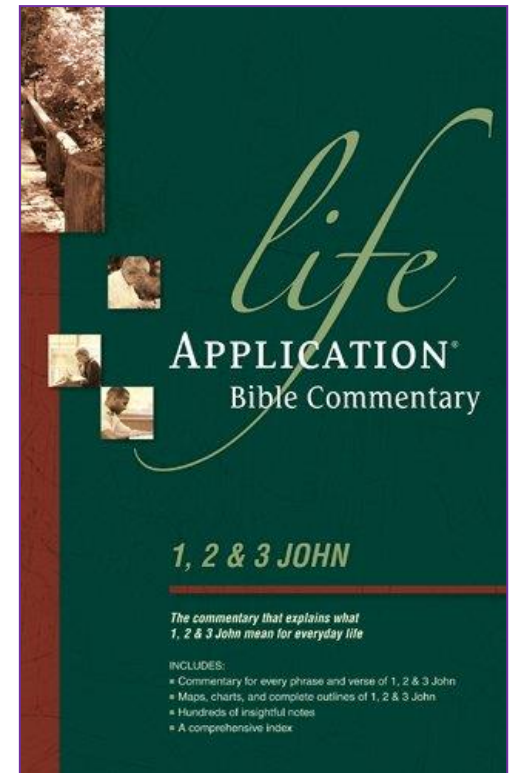
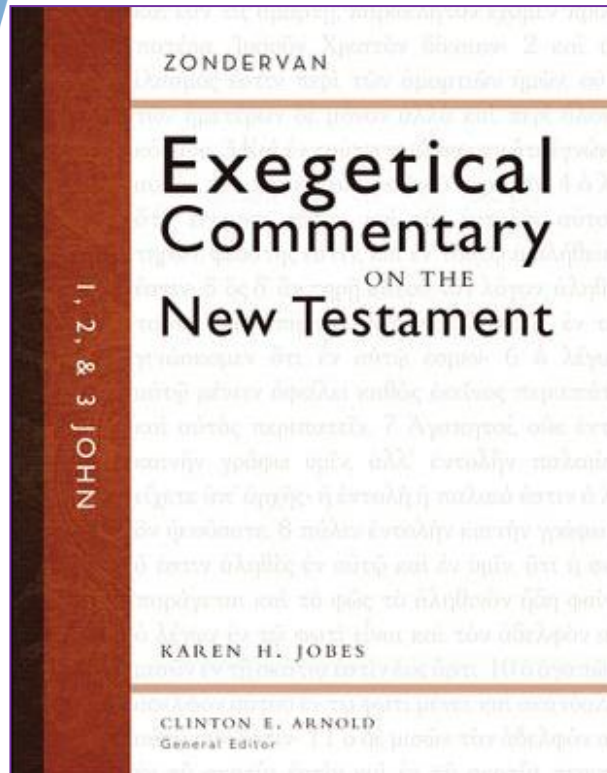


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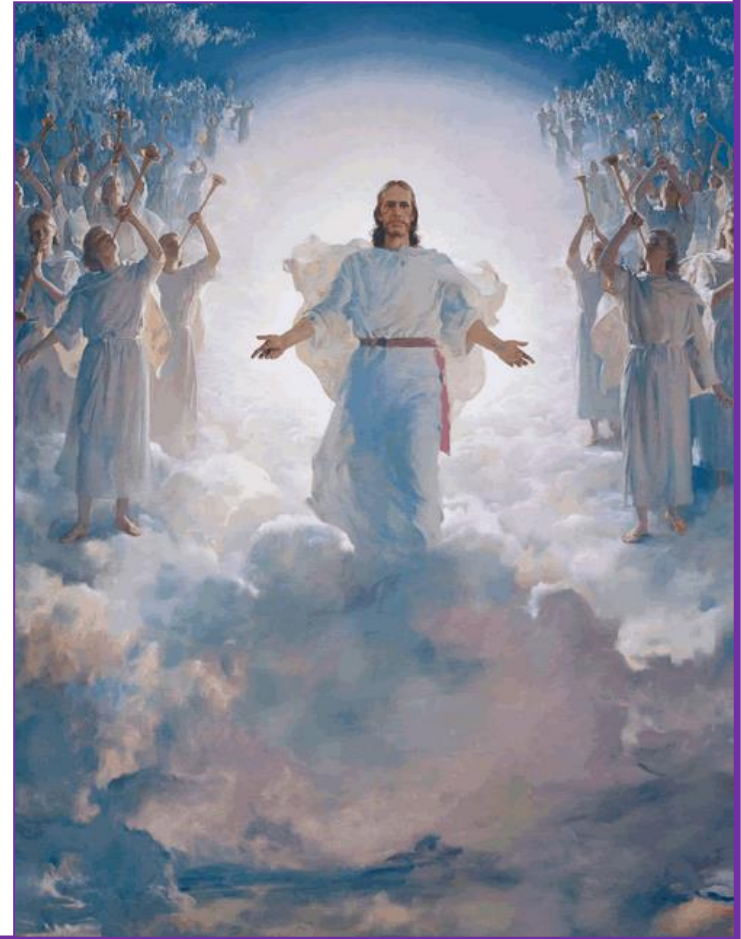
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## *Scriptural Context*

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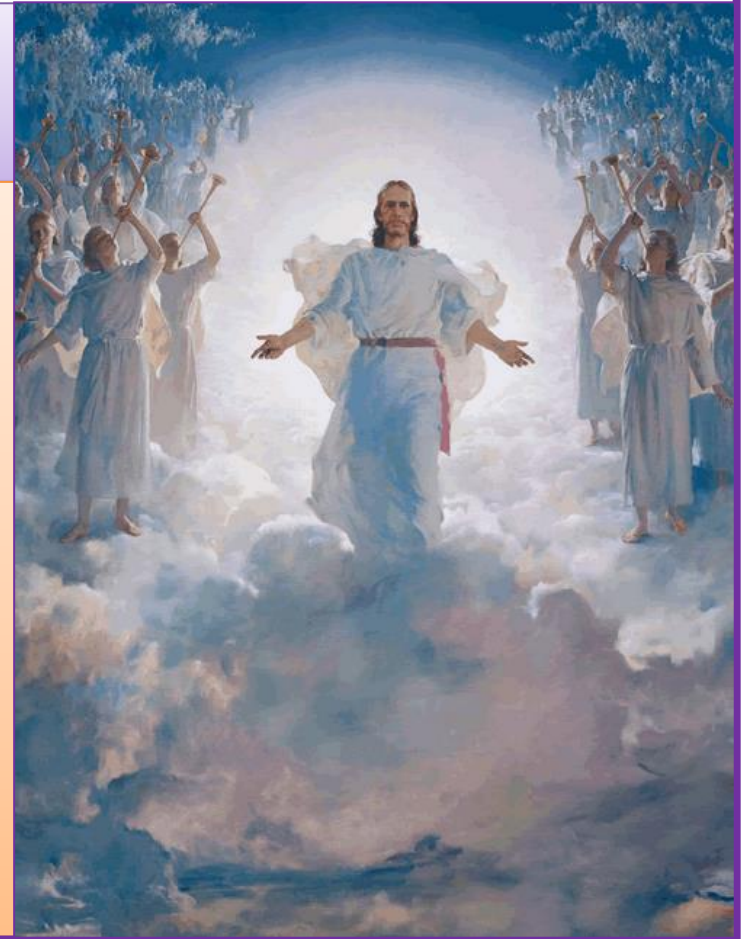
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## Scriptural Text: 1 John 1:1-4 ... Prologue

### WHAT WAS HEARD, SEEN, AND TOUCHED

1 JOHN 1:1-4

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... 1 John 1:1-4 ...NKJV



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## *The Prologue*

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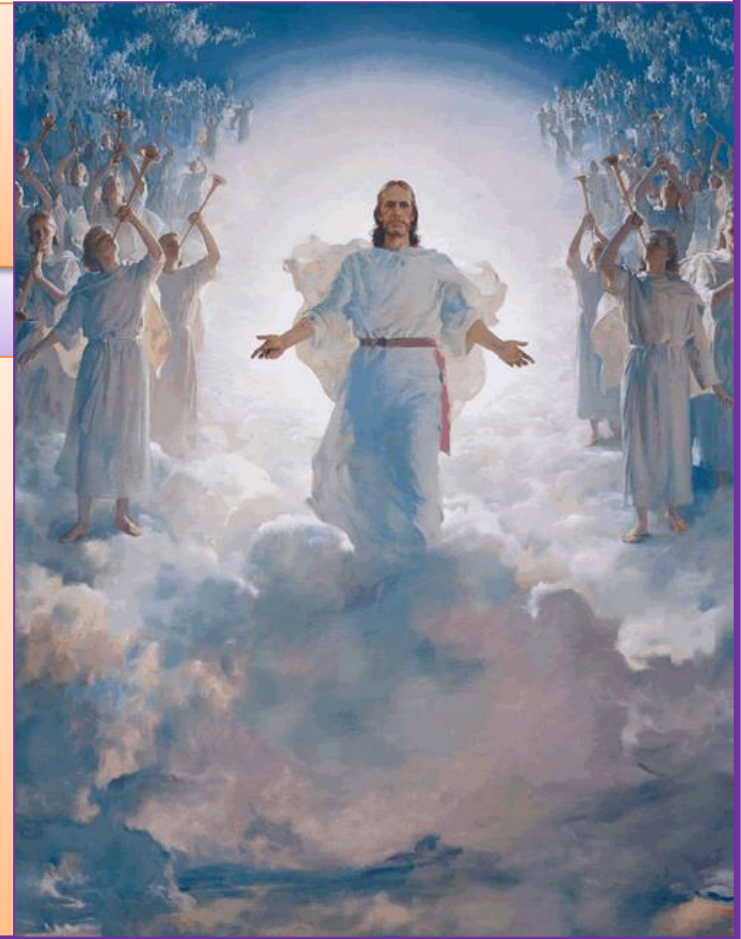
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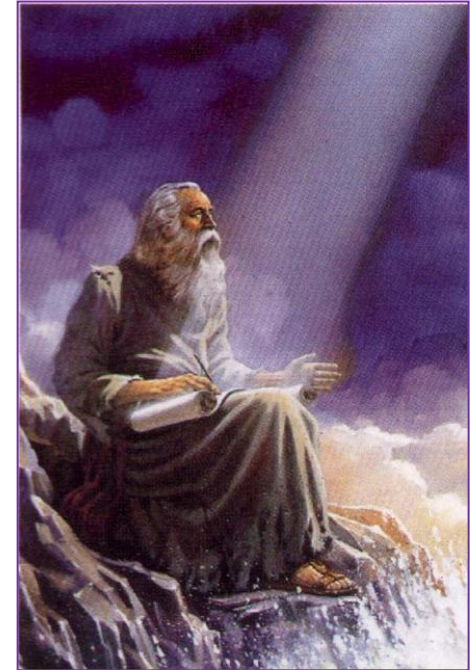
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- **Epistle Prologue**
  - Notice No Salutation Given.
    - Epistle not to a particular person / church.
    - More a sermon for the entire Church.

- **That Which ...**

## Scholar Options

- 1) The Revelation about Christ
- 2) The Teachings of Christ
- 3) The External Life, Maintained by Christ
- ➡ 4) Christ Himself





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- **From the Beginning**

- May refer to ...

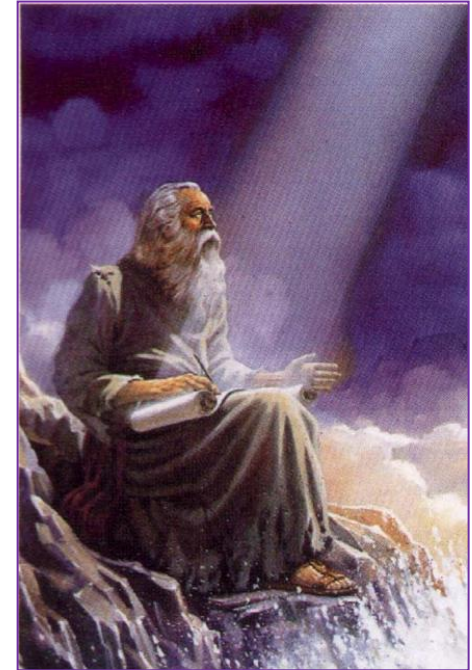
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- 1) Beginning of the Universe.
- 2) Beginning of Christ's Ministry.

- “Creation Beginning” texts

- Genesis 1:1-4
  - John 1:1-4, 14



# Genesis 1:1-4 - OBSERVATIONS

**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.

- Old Testament Creation Text

- In the Beginning God Created...
- God is Creator of the Universe
  - The Heavens and the Earth
- Trinity Involved
  - Verse 1: God the Father
  - Verse 2: God the Holy Spirit
  - Verse 3: God the Son (the Word)

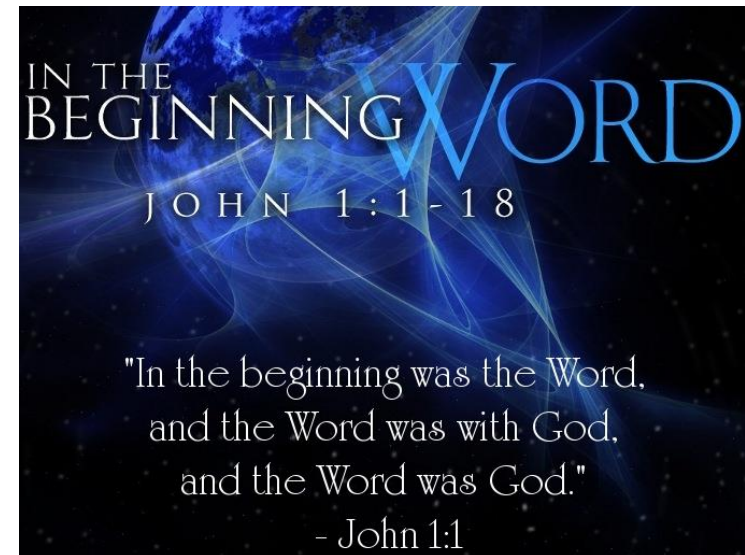


# John 1:1-4,14 - OBSERVATIONS

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> 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.

**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- New Testament Creation Text
  - In the Beginning was the Word...
  - Jesus is God Incarnate
    - 100% God AND 100% Man
  - Jesus is the Word of Life
    - Word ... *logos*

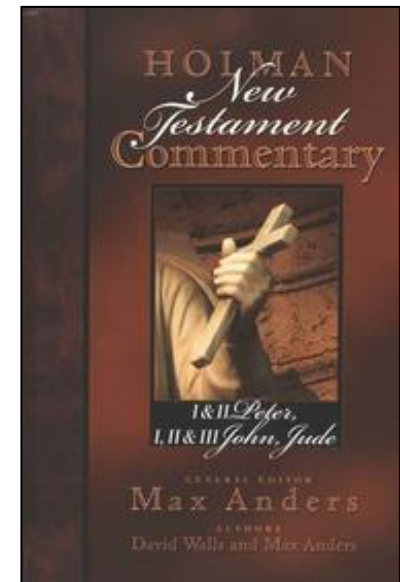


# GNOSTICISM - REVIEW

- Gnosticism
  - Greek word for *“to know”*
  - Teaching had **Two** major features
    - 1) Salvation was found in a higher, spiritual knowledge. Those who entered into this knowledge were considered “enlightened ones”.

Ordinary people, even Christians, did not have this knowledge. They had to get it through mystical ways.

Sound familiar ... *“New Age”,*  
*“Christian Science”*





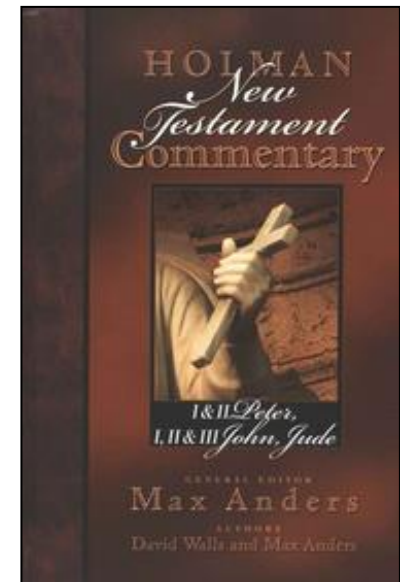
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- 2) Spirit and flesh were thought of as separate entities. **Spirit** was good: **flesh** was bad.

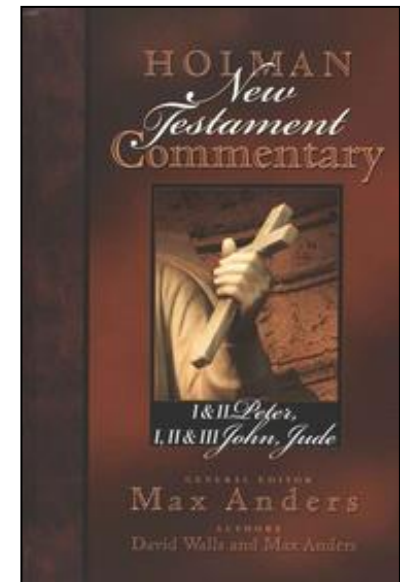
The spirit was untouched by fleshly influences, no matter what the flesh did. Therefore, the flesh could sin at will if it desired, and the spirit was unaffected.

Therefore, a Gnostic could live a very immoral lifestyle and still claim to be a spiritual person.



# GNOSTICISM - REVIEW

- Docetism ... a form of Gnosticism
  - **Docetism** was related to **Gnosticism**.
  - Greek word for *"to seem"*
  - **Docetism** taught that it was impossible for God, who was spirit (good), to take on a physical (bad) body, so they assert that Jesus did not have a real physical body, but only *seemed* to have a physical body.



# 1 John 1:1 - OBSERVATIONS

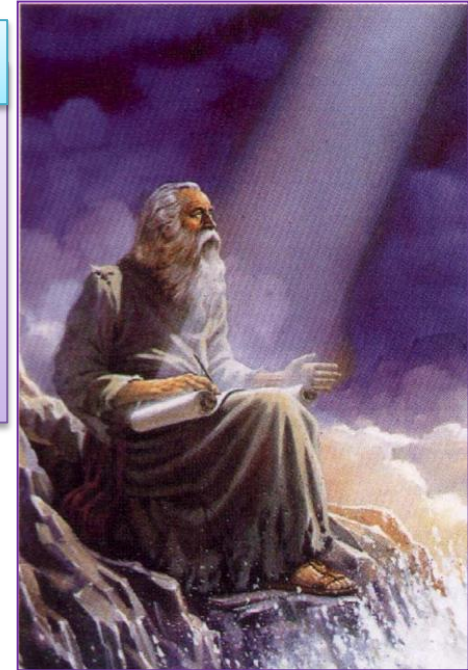
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- Which ...

- We have Heard
- We have Seen with our eyes
- We have Looked upon
- Our hands have Handled

## Gnostic Counter

Witness to the  
physical nature  
of Jesus



- Who are the “We” or “Our”?

- John and Other 11 Disciples (Paul *sans* Judas)

- Concerning the Word of Life



- 1) Jesus is the Word of Life
- 2) Gospel Message is the Word of Life

## Scholar Options

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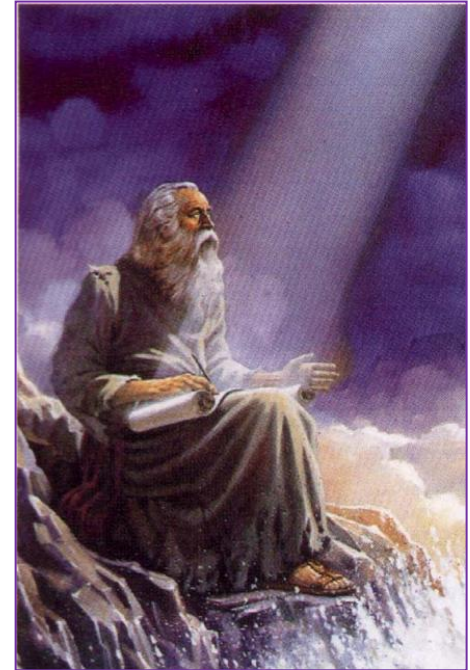
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# 1 John 1:2 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>2</sup> the **life** was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the **Father** and was manifested to us—

- Life was Manifested
  - Life is Jesus Incarnate
  - Manifested == Revealed | Displayed
    - Revealed to who?
      - The Disciples (we)
    - Revealed how?
      - Seen
      - Bear Witness
      - Declare





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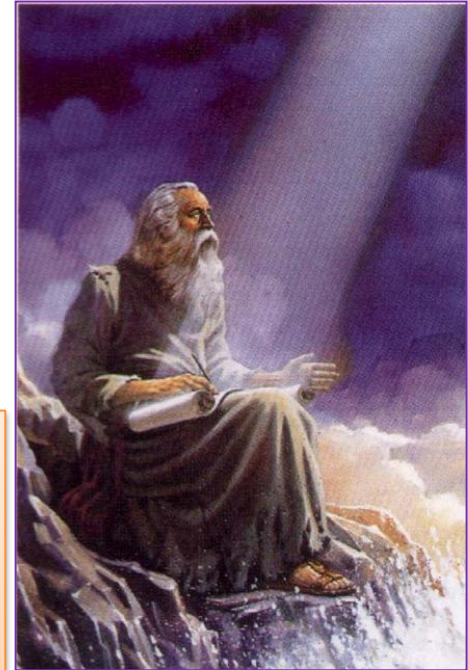
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- **Eternal Life**

- Eternal Life is Jesus
  - He was with the Father
- Was manifested to us (disciples)
  - Incarnation

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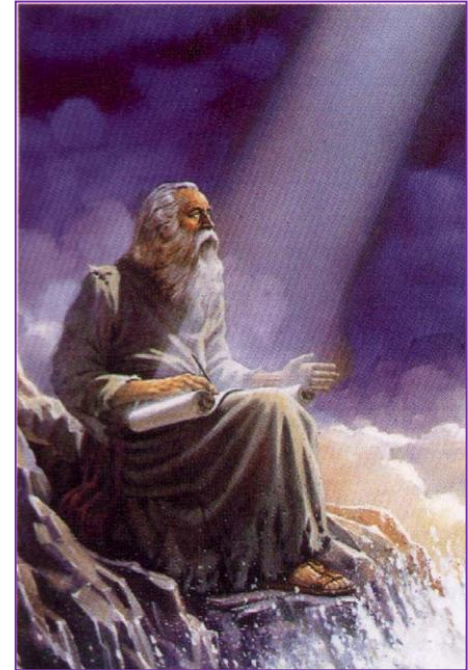
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- **Eternal Life Manifested to Us**
  - Jesus Revealed to the Believer
  - Real Christianity is a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - There is a deadly difference between church membership and salvation—
  - Knowing *about* Jesus and knowing Him are not the same.



**DO YOU KNOW HIM PERSONALLY?**

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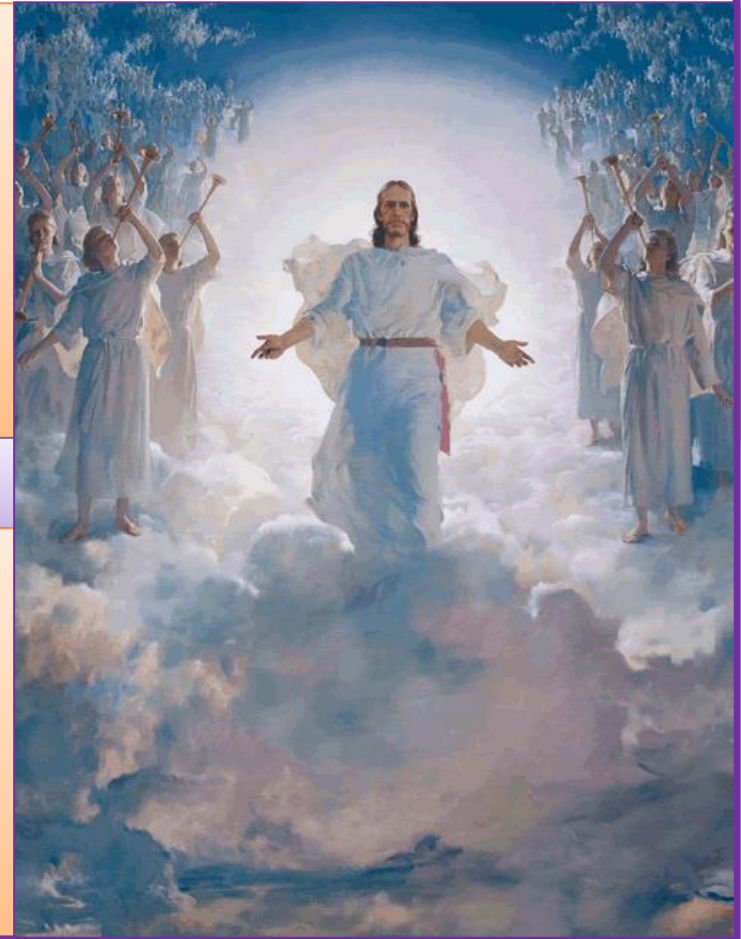
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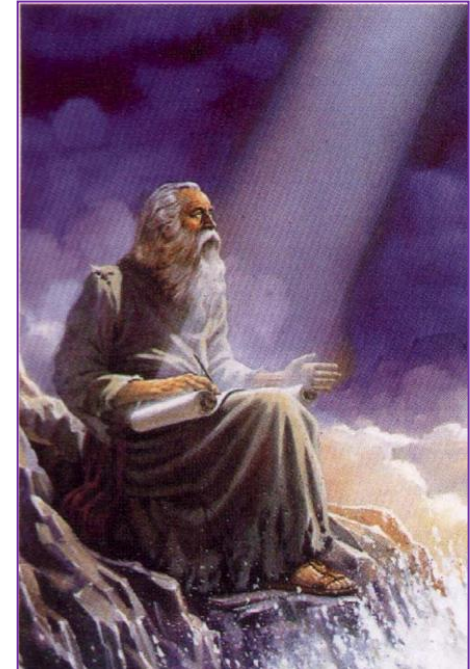


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- That you also may have Fellowship
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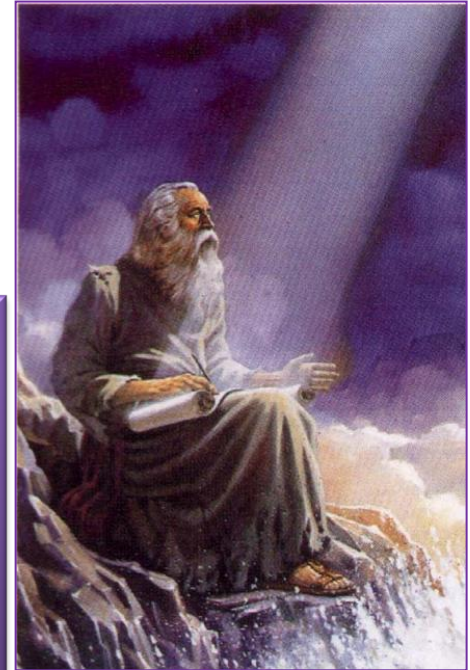
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- Fellowship
  - Greek word is *Koinonia*.
  - More than coffee and a donut

## KOINONIA

fellowship; a close mutual relationship; participation; partnership; communion; fiduciary. Sharing something together.

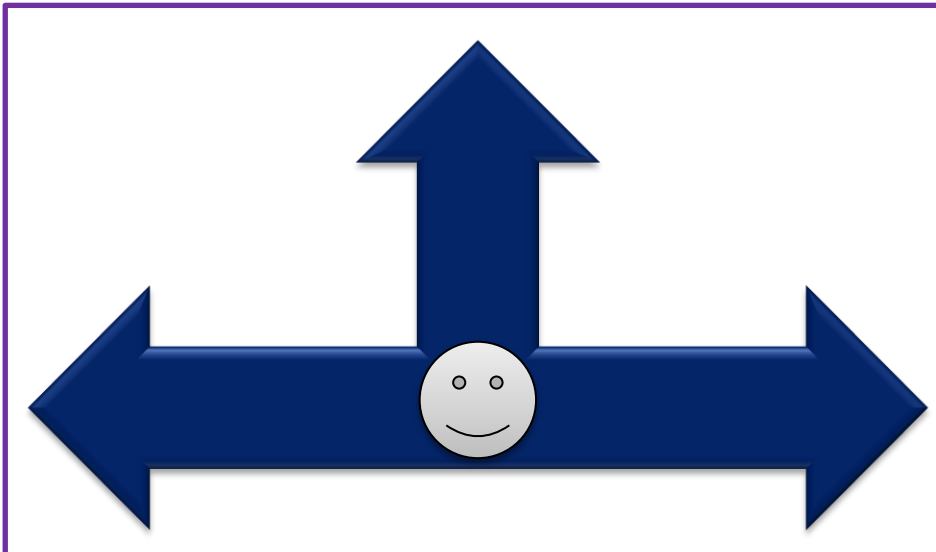
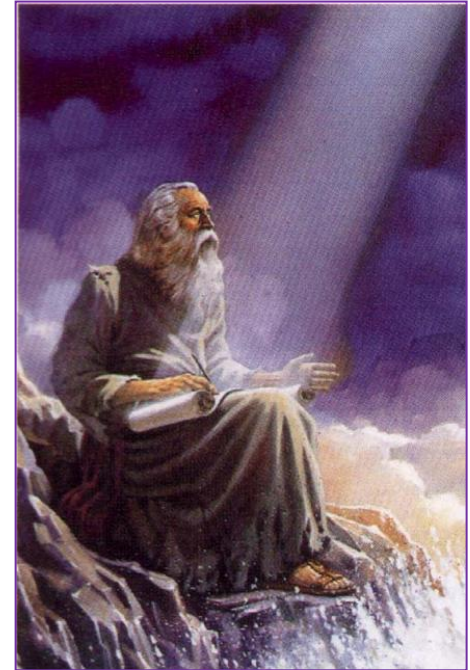




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- Fellowship
  - Fellowship is Two-Dimensional
    - Vertical
      - Our fellowship with the Father and Jesus
    - Horizontal
      - Our fellowship with other believers



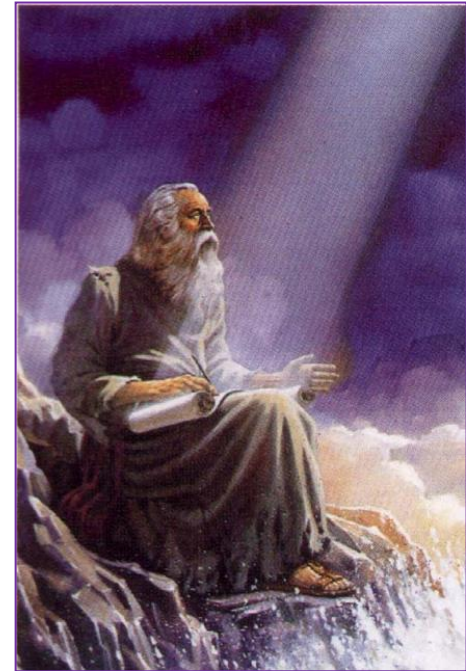
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- Fellowship

- You can not join the family of God
  - John 1:10-13 ... you must receive Him
  - John 3:3 ... you must be born again

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. --- **John 1:10-13 ... NKJV**



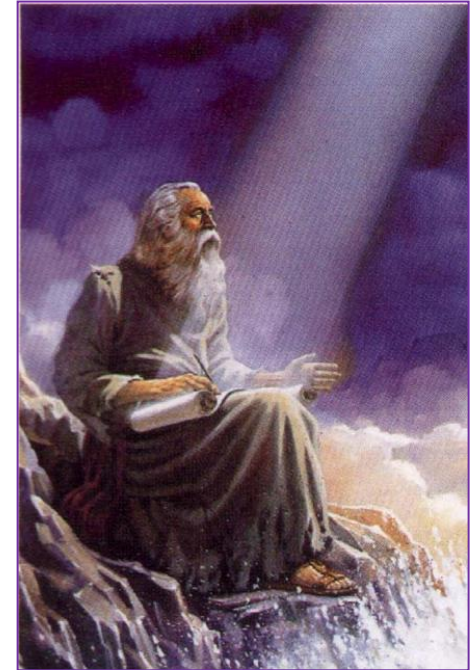
<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." --- **John 3:3 ... NKJV**

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<sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

- Joy may be full
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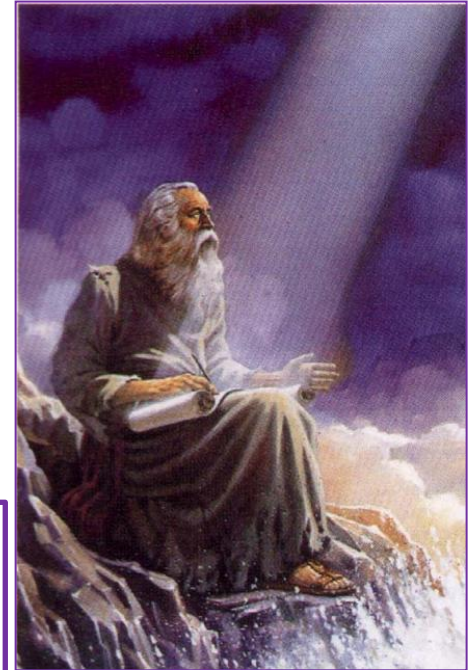


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<sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

- Joy is not Happiness.
  - Happiness is derived from external stimuli
  - Joy is experienced internally
    - The satiation of the Spirit
    - Flows from a right relationship with God
    - The true Joy of Reconciliation

The most joyous truth in our hearts is to know that Jesus Christ is our personal Savior, that our home is in heaven, and that we have a special reason for living.



**Source of Joy**



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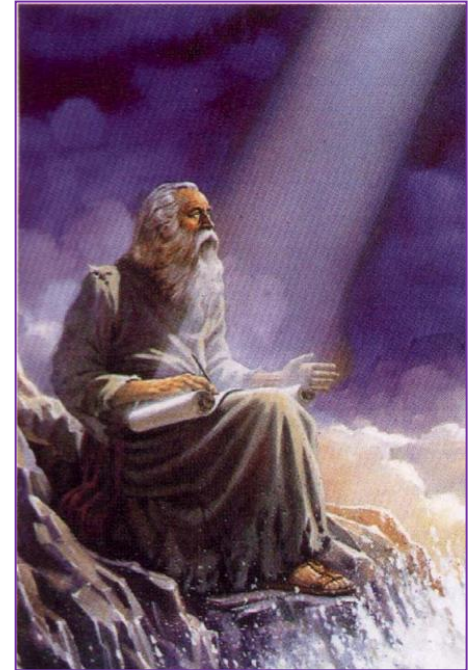
- Joy

- Psalm 16:11
- Psalm 51:12
- John 15:11

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;  
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.  
--- Psalm 16:11 ... NKJV

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.  
--- Psalm 51:12 ... NKJV

<sup>11</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.  
--- John 15:11 ... NKJV





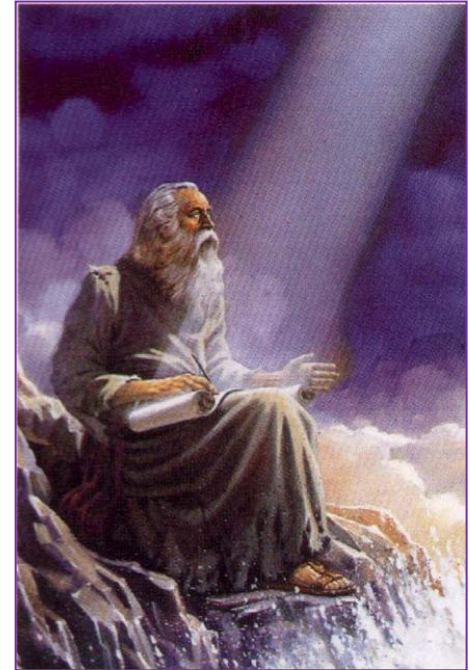
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- Joy

DO YOU HAVE JOY TODAY?

Most people have just enough religion to make them *miserable*.



*Jesus is Coming Soon!*





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