



# 1<sup>st</sup> John

God is Light, Love and Life

*Lesson 13*

## Knowing the Truth

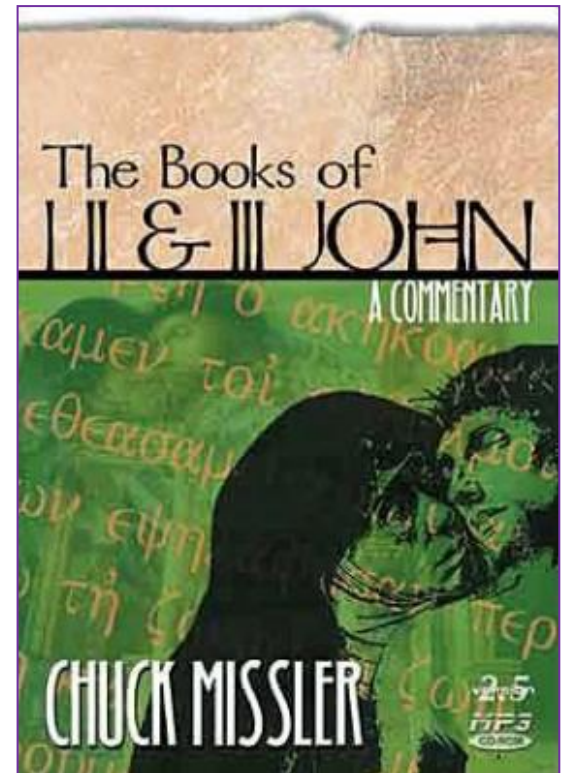
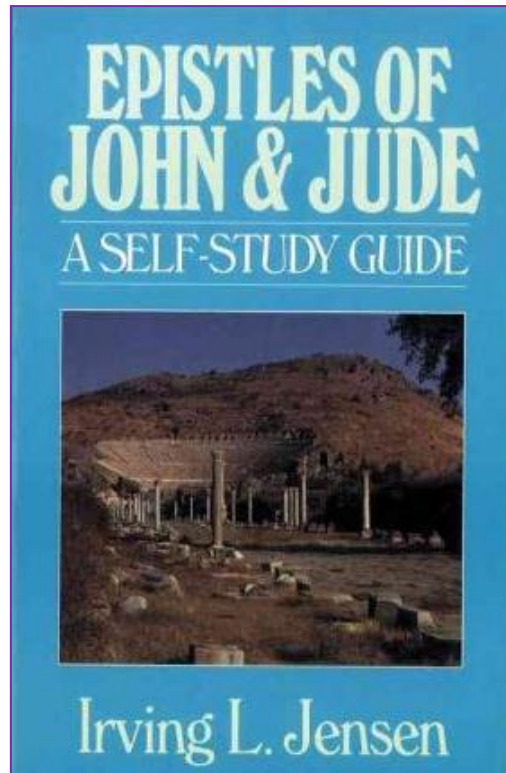
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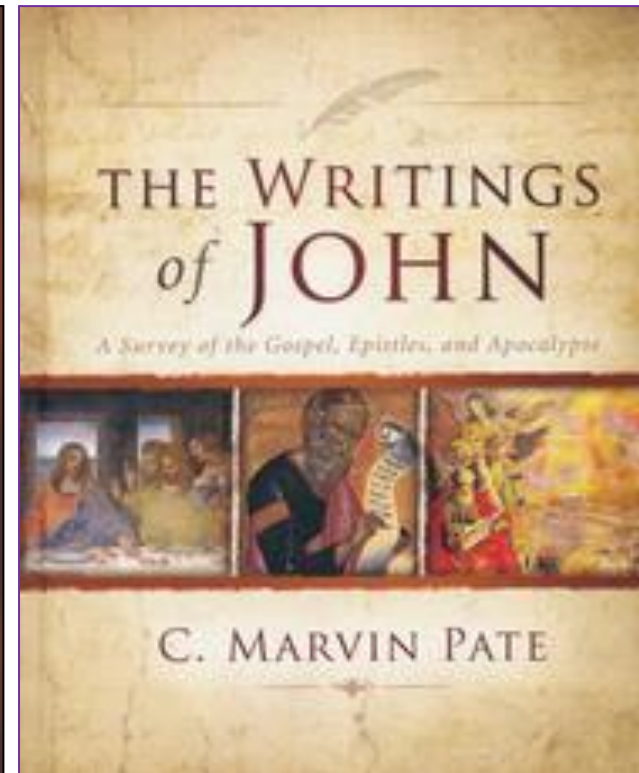
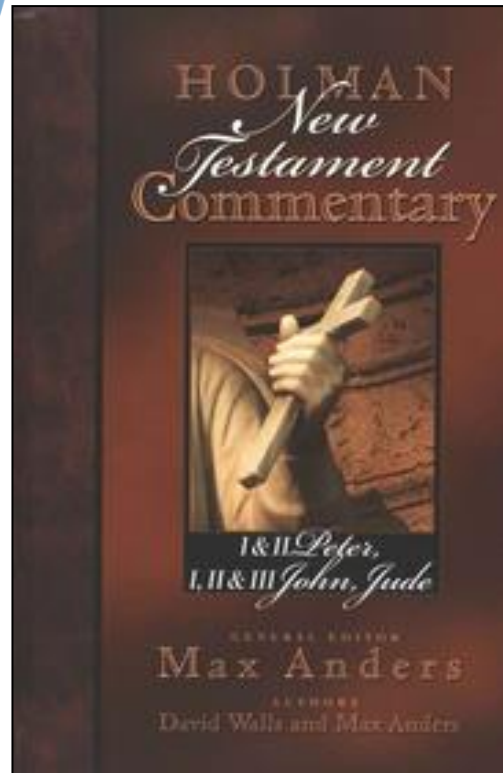


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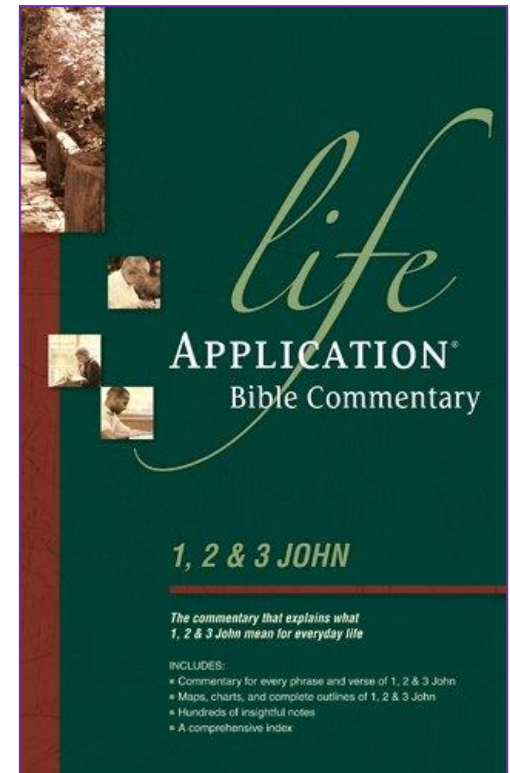
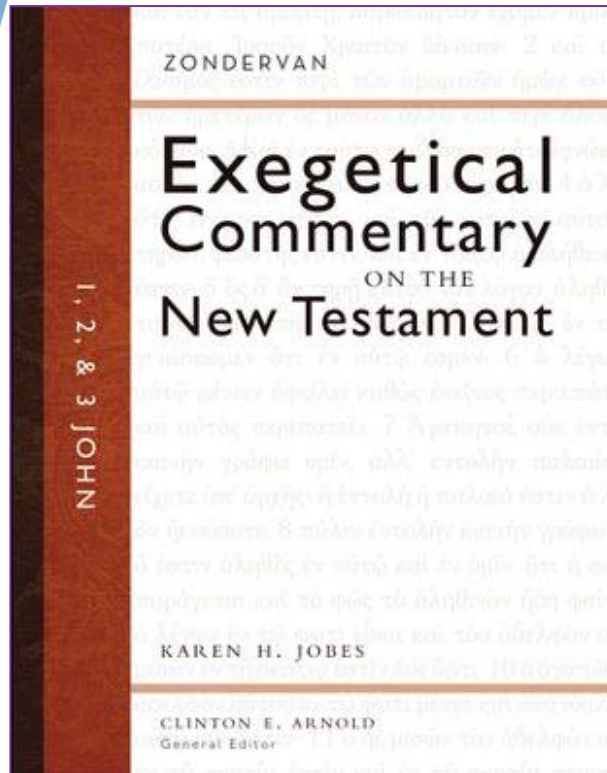


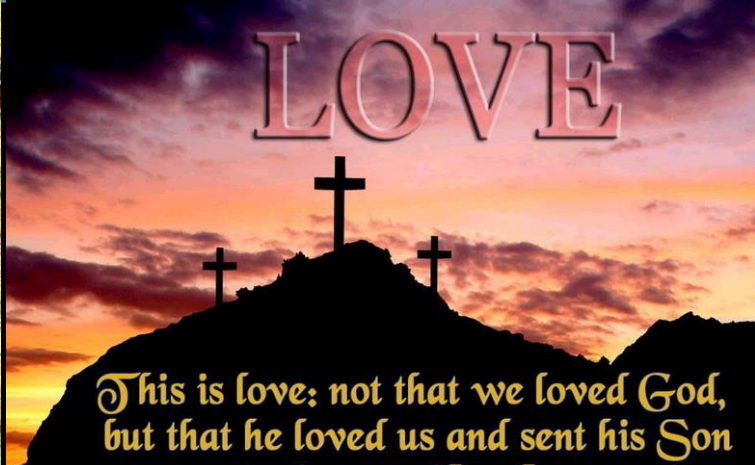
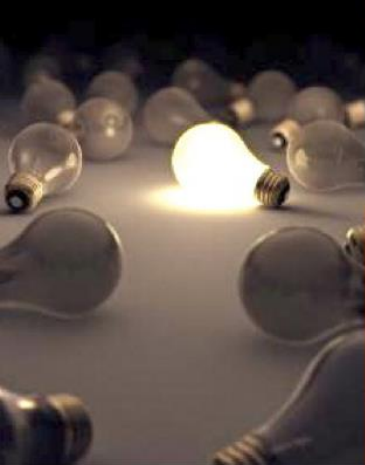
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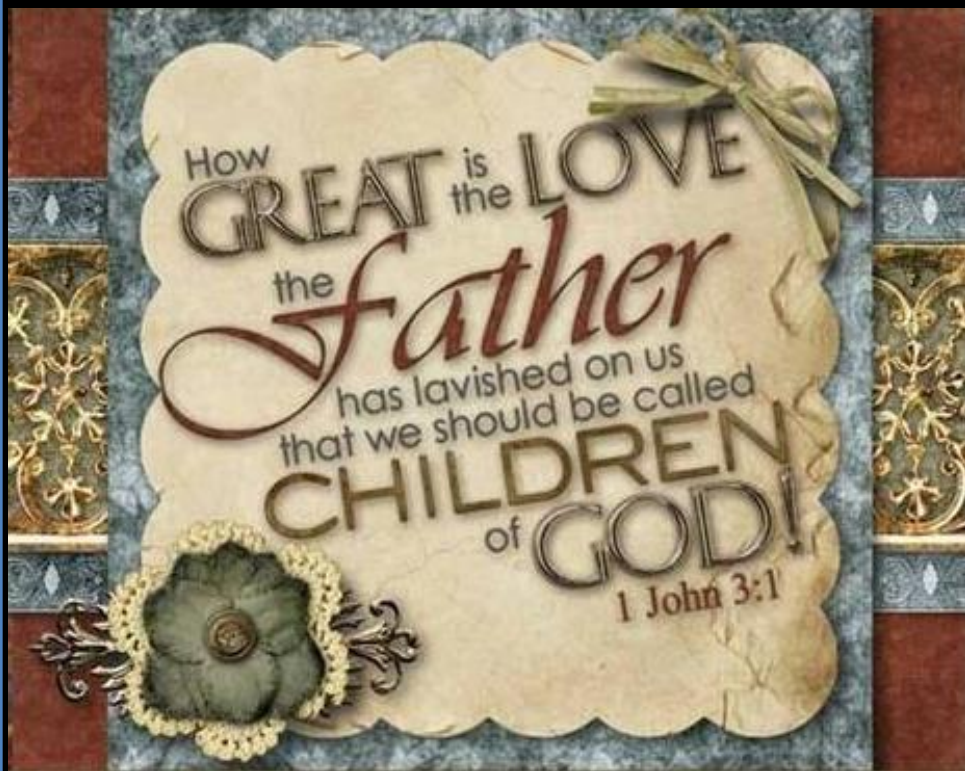


# LIGHT, LIFE & LOVE

1, 2 & 3 JOHN

This is love: not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent his Son  
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins

1 John 4:10 NIV



love

God

Whoever loves another like Jesus knows the love that has been perfected in us, so that we neither fear nor hatred. But the love that we have for one another is based on what we have heard: Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. Many who do not recognize Jesus Christ who came in the flesh are the deceiver and the deceived. Beware that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you receive a full reward. He who denies Christ who came in the flesh will be cursed and will bring the Father's wrath upon him. He who keeps his commandments will not sin and will not be condemned. He who sins is the one who does not keep his commandments. The love that is perfected in us is this: that we do not sin. The love that is perfected in us is this: that we do not sin. The love that is perfected in us is this: that we do not sin.



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# Knowing the Truth

## *Scriptural Context*

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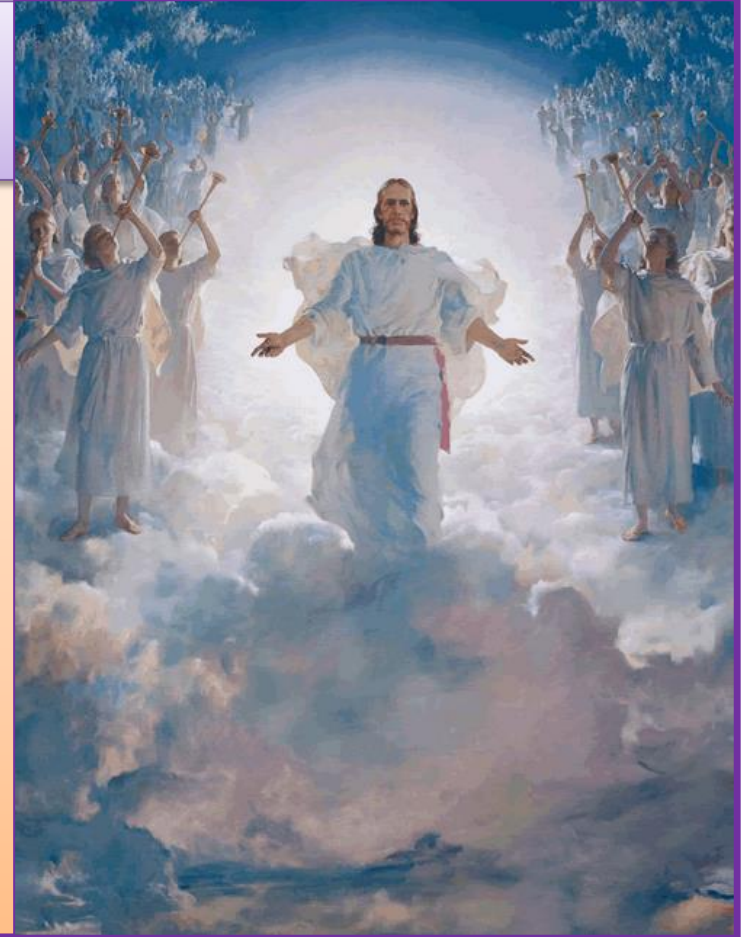
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... 1 John 5:14-15 ...NKJV

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... 1 John 5:16-17 ...NKJV

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**18** We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

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

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

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

... 1 John 5:20-21 ...NKJV



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***Blessed Assurance***

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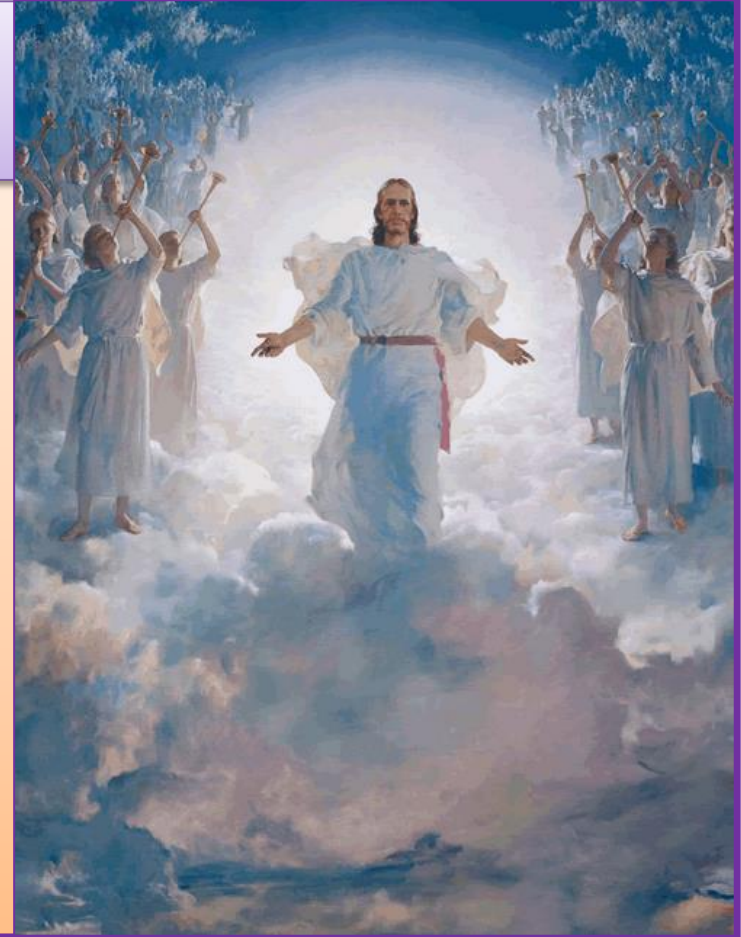
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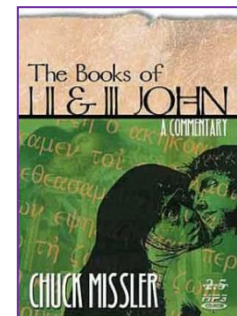
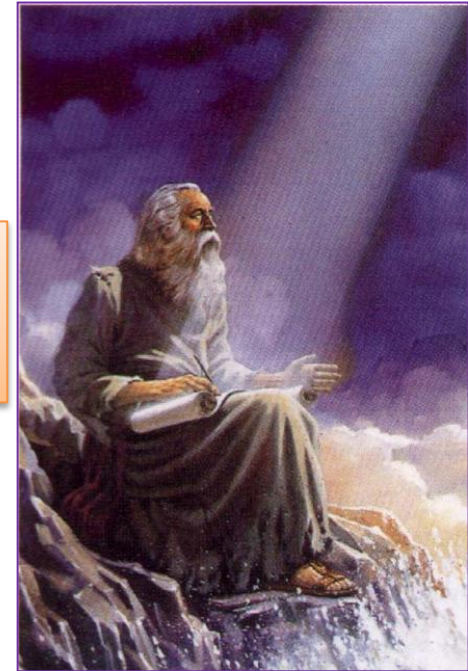
## • Confidence

- Confidence means boldness or freedom to speak to Christ ... [Hebrews 4:16](#)

**16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
--- [Hebrews 4:16](#) ... NKJV

- Our confidence is rooted in Christ
- We can be confident that if we ask anything, according to His will, He will hear us
  - “According to His will” - Not our will
  - His will is to supply ALL your needs - not wants

**19** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. --- [Philippians 4:19](#) ... NKJV



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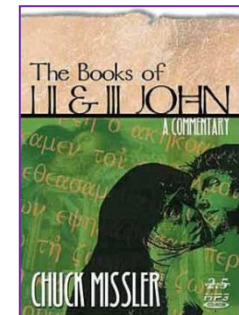
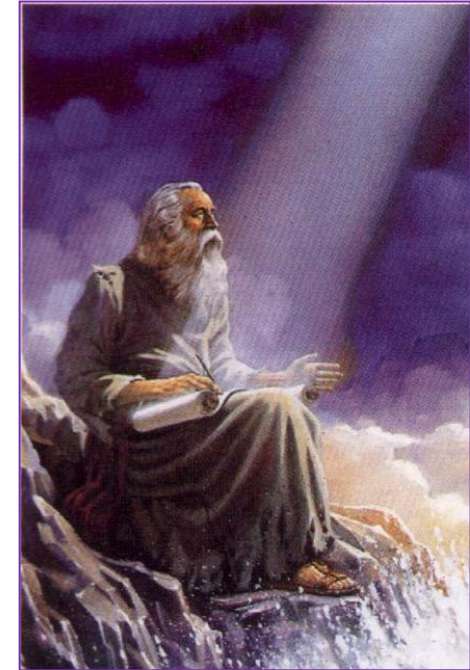
## • We Know

IF we know that God hears us  
THEN we know our prayers will be answered

- Our confidence is in...
  - What God wills, will come to pass

IF our prayer is in God's will  
THEN we are 100% certain it will be answered

- This is NOT the Heresy of ...
  - "Name it and Claim it"
  - "Blab it and Grab it"

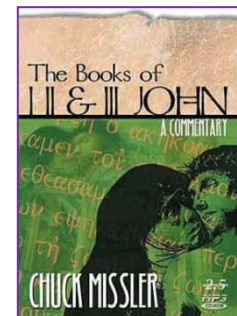
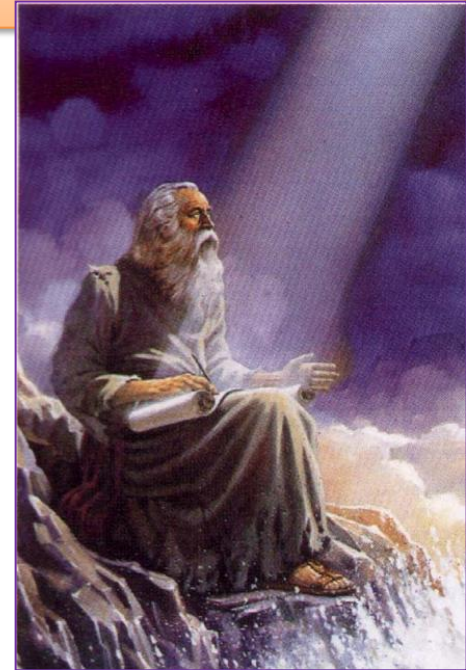


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- **Sin Leading to Death**

- This is a difficult verse to extract the exact meaning - many different scholarly opinions
- This verse has nothing to do with sinning against the Holy Spirit.
- This verse is speaking of interceding for a sinning brother
- The sin leading to death: a sin that God determines to punish with physical death
- The sin not leading to death: a sin which God chooses not to punish with physical death.



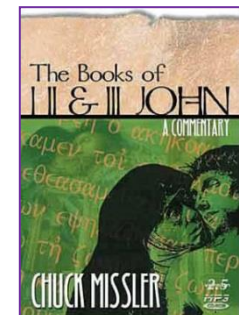
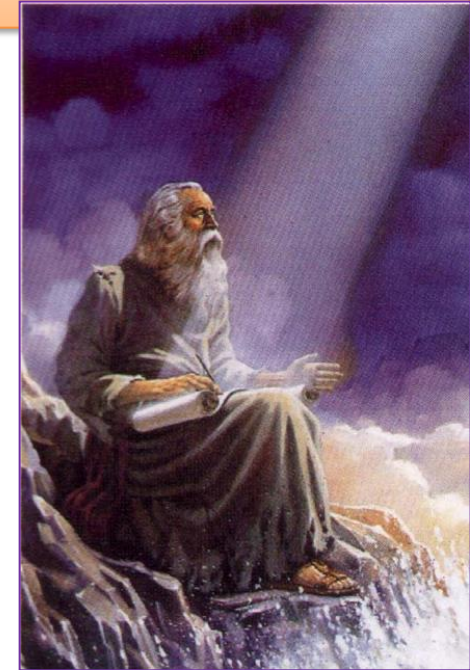
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## • Sin Leading to Death

- All sin is hateful to God and should be hateful to the believer; but some is punished with physical death:

SINNER	REFERENCE
Nabab and Abihu	Leviticus 10:1-7
Achan	Joshua 6-7
Uzzah	2 Samuel 6
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
Misfeasance at Lord's Supper	1 Corinthians 11:30



**HAVE YOU COMMITTED A SIN LEADING TO DEATH?**

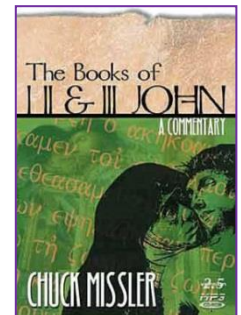
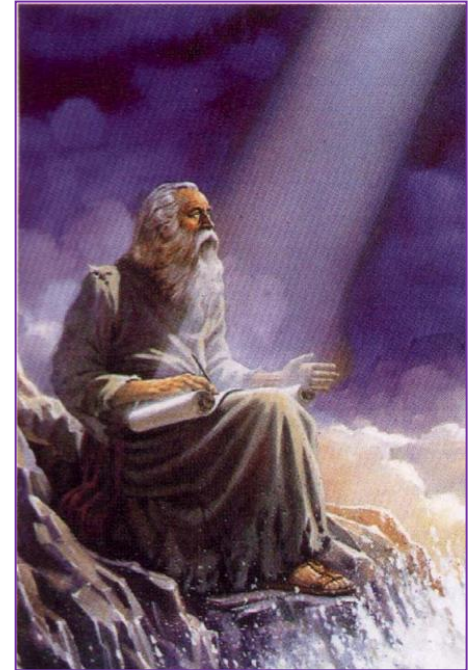
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<sup>17</sup> All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not *leading* to death.

- All unrighteousness is sin
  - But not every sin leads to death
  - Believers who are alive today have all sinned, but we haven't sinned a sin unto death - by God's mercy.
  - We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, however ...

**IF** GOD WERE TO TAKE HOME EVERY BELIEVER WHO SINNED  
**THEN** ALL OF US WOULD BE IN GLORY RIGHT NOW.

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
--- Romans 3:23 ... NKJV



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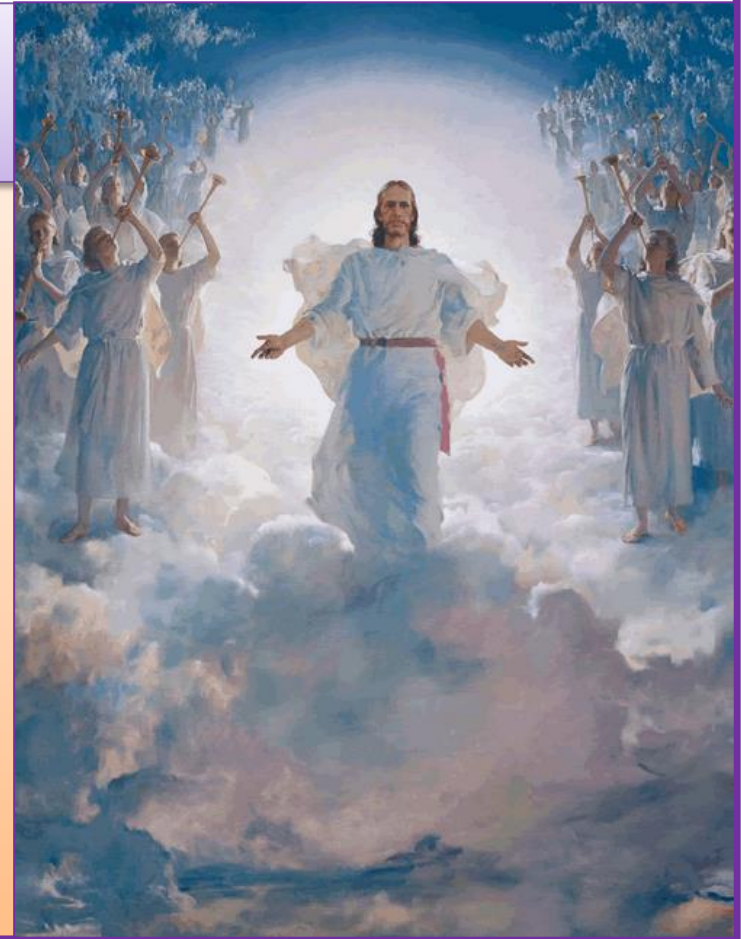
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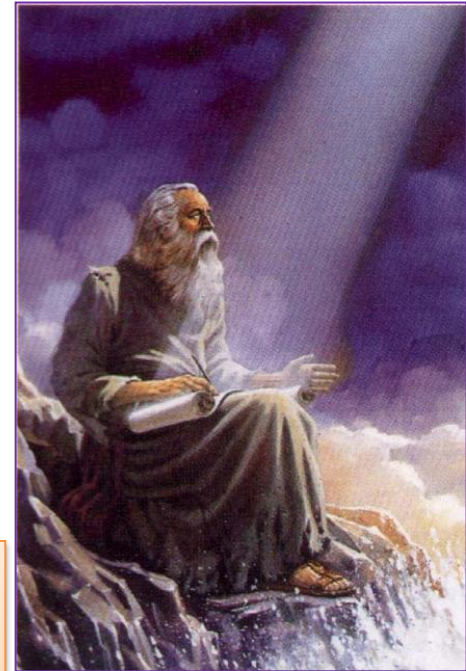
- Born of God

IF you are “Born-Again”  
THEN you are “born of God”

- The believer does not continually sin or always in a life-style of sin or practice sin
- When a believer sins, he confesses his sin and he is forgiven

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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

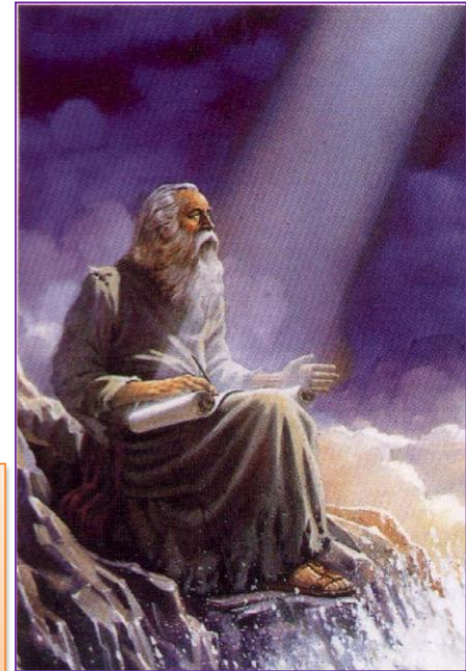


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- **Wicked one does not touch him**
  - Satan cannot touch any believer without God's permission. *[Job is an example]*
  - When God allows you to be tempted, rest assured that He will not allow you to be tempted above your strength.

**13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*. --- 1 Corinthians 10:13 ... NKJV



# 1 John 5:19 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of the wicked one*.

- We know we are of God
  - We are God's children and not under the dominion of Satan and his minions
  - Satan is the prince of this world

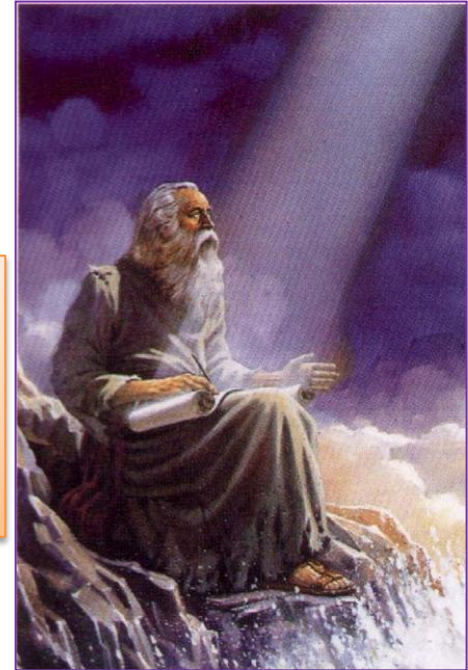
<sup>2</sup> And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

--- Ephesians 2:1-2 ... NKJV

- As believers we are chosen out of the world
- The world hates us

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated you*. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

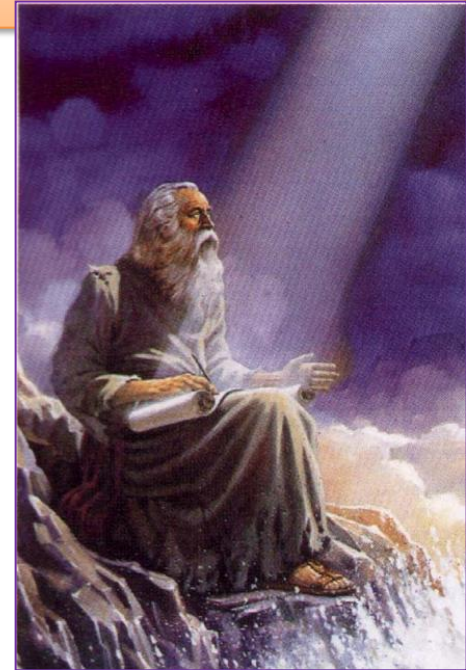
--- John 15:18-19 ... NKJV



# 1 John 5:20 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

- We know that the Son of God has come
  - Jesus has come and given us understanding
  - Why?
    - That we may know Him who is true
    - Jesus is truth ... [John 14:6](#)
- We are in Him who is true
  - We are in God's son Jesus Christ
  - In God is eternal life



<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. --- [John 17:20-21 ... NKJV](#)

Jesus praying for all believers in the "real" Lord's prayer

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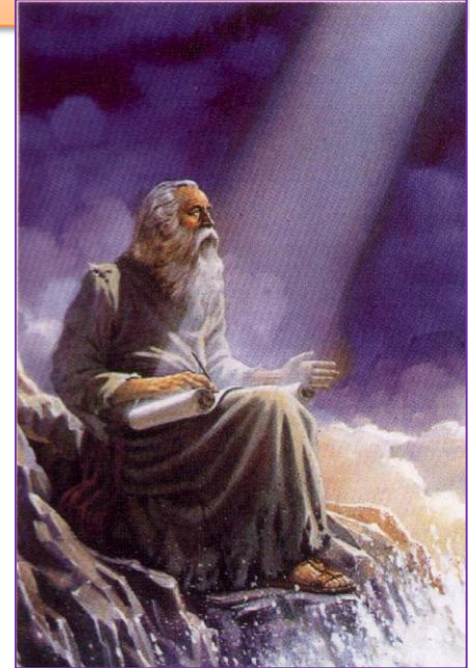
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“Most unsaved people live in an atmosphere of pretense and sham. We live in an atmosphere of reality.

We have been given spiritual discernment to know the true from the false; but the unsaved do not have this understanding.

Christians not only choose between the good and the bad: we choose between the true and false.”

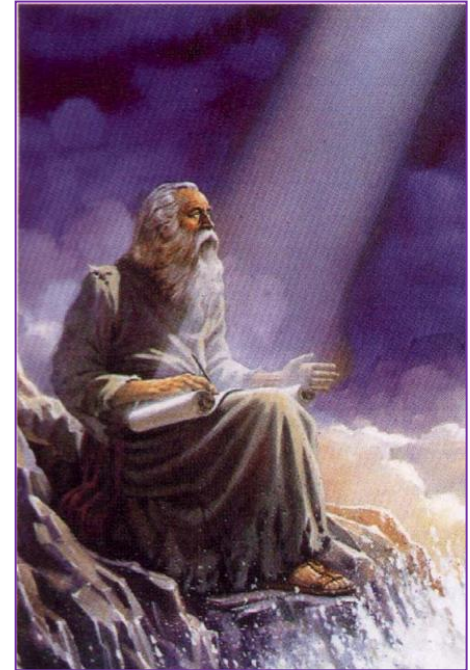
--- Chuck Missler



# 1 John 5:21 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

- Little Children
  - Endearing term from the Elder John
    - John's Epistles are "family" epistles - *personal*
- Idols
  - John admonishes his children to keep themselves from idols
  - In John's day idols were made of wood or stone or some other material
  - Idols are anything that you worship or give your prioritized attention, instead of God
  - What are our modern day idols?
    - Money, self, sports, music, love of country, etc.



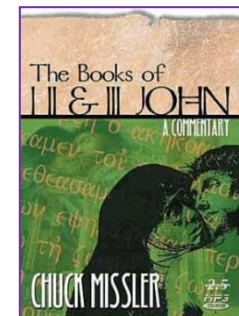
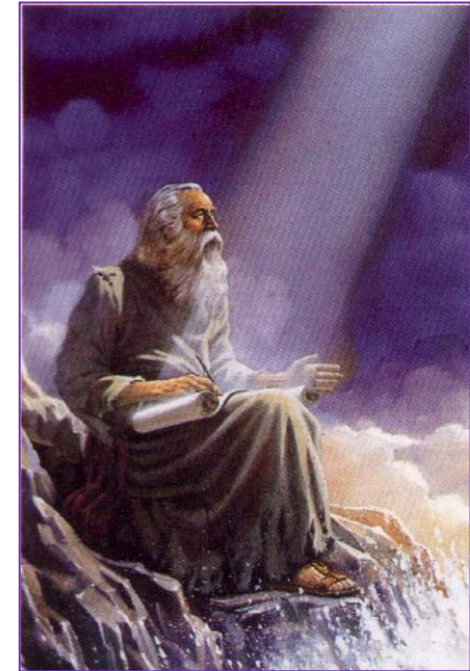
WHAT ARE THE IDOLS YOU STRUGGLE WITH?

# 1 John - REVIEW

## • John's Writings

John's Gospel	Our Past	Salvation
John's Letters	Our Present	Sanctification
John's Revelation	Our Future	Glorification

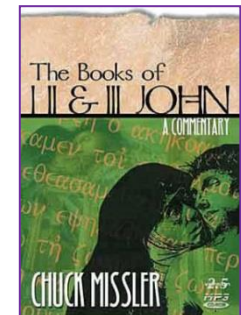
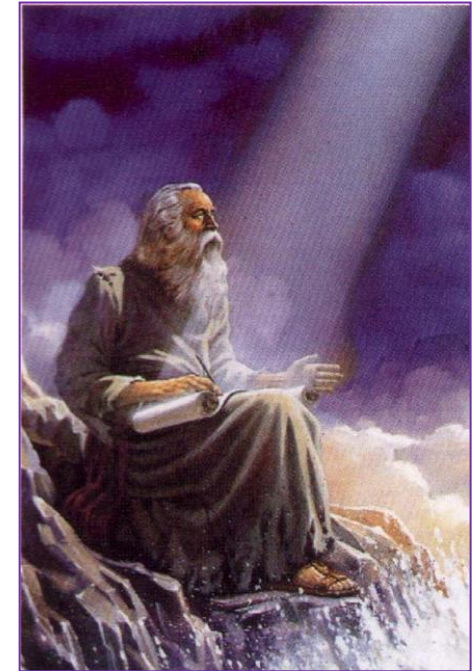
- 1 John has been called the *sanctum sanctorum* of the New Testament.
- It takes the child of God into the fellowship of the Father's home.
- Paul's epistles, and all the other epistles, are Church epistles; but this is a family epistle.
- It may prove more important to the individual believer than all the Church epistles!



# 1 John - REVIEW

- Seven Contrasts: Truth versus Error

The Light	The Darkness	1 John 1:5-2:11
The Father	The World	1 John 2:12-17
Christ	The Antichrist	1 John 2:18-28
Good Works	Evil Works	1 John 2:29-3:24
Holy Spirit	Error	1 John 4:1-6
Love	Pious Pretense	1 John 4:7-21
The God-Born	others	1 John 5:1-21



WELL DONE, GOOD AND  
FAITHFUL  
SERVANT





# 2 John: The Elect Lady

## Lesson 01: False Teachers

***Next Week's Lesson***



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