



1st John

God is Light, Love and Life

Lesson 10

The Consummation of Love

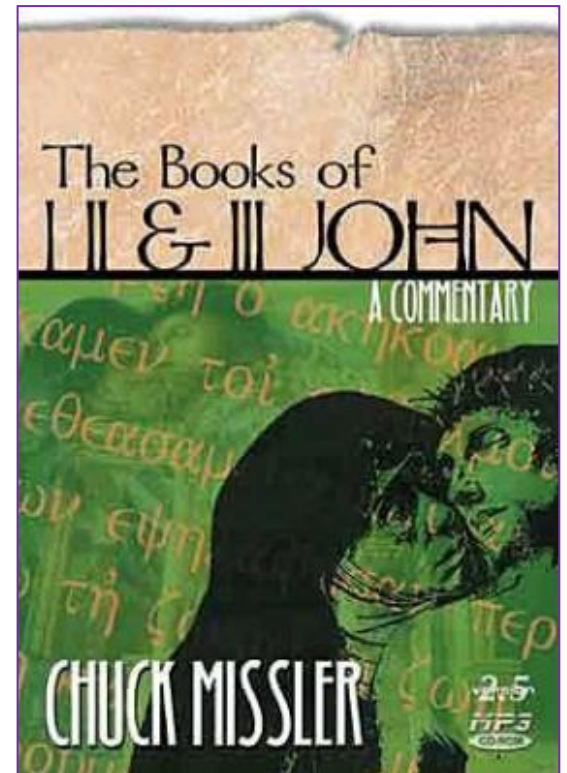
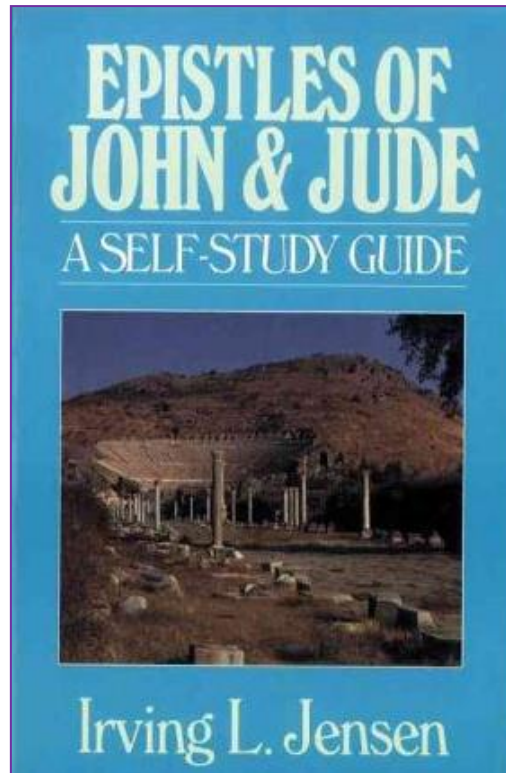
1st John 4:7-19

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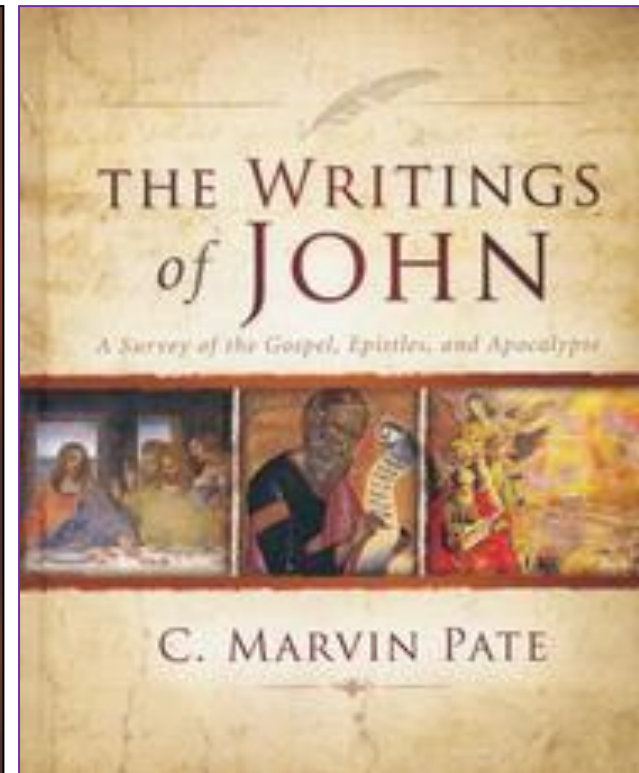
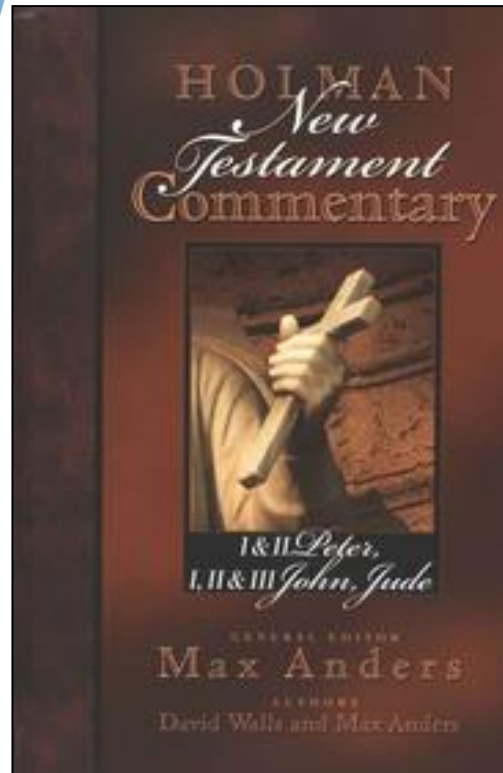


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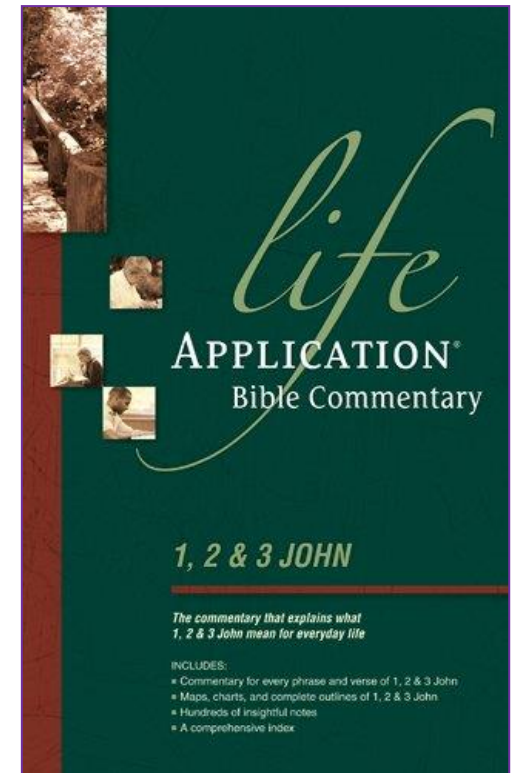
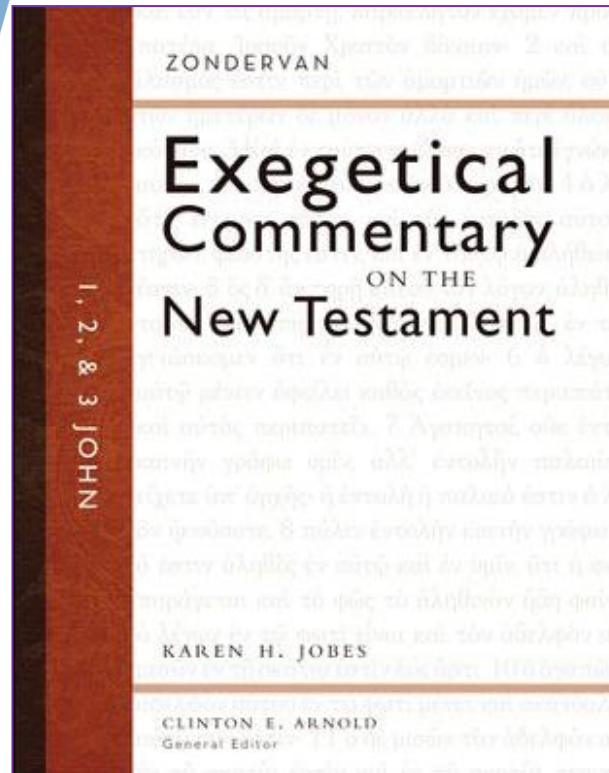


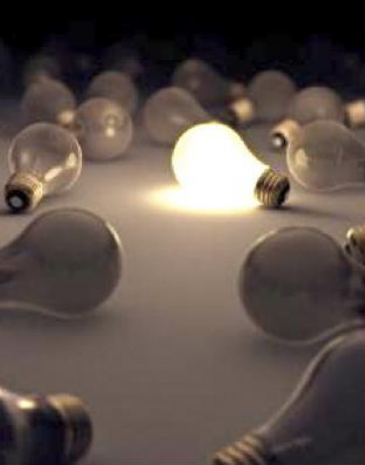
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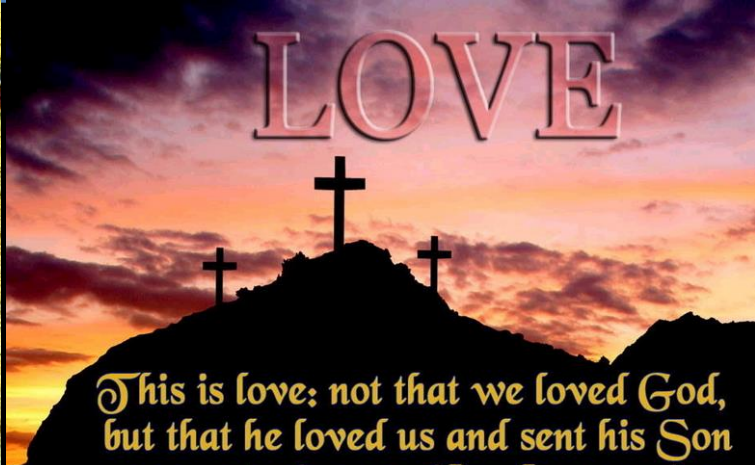
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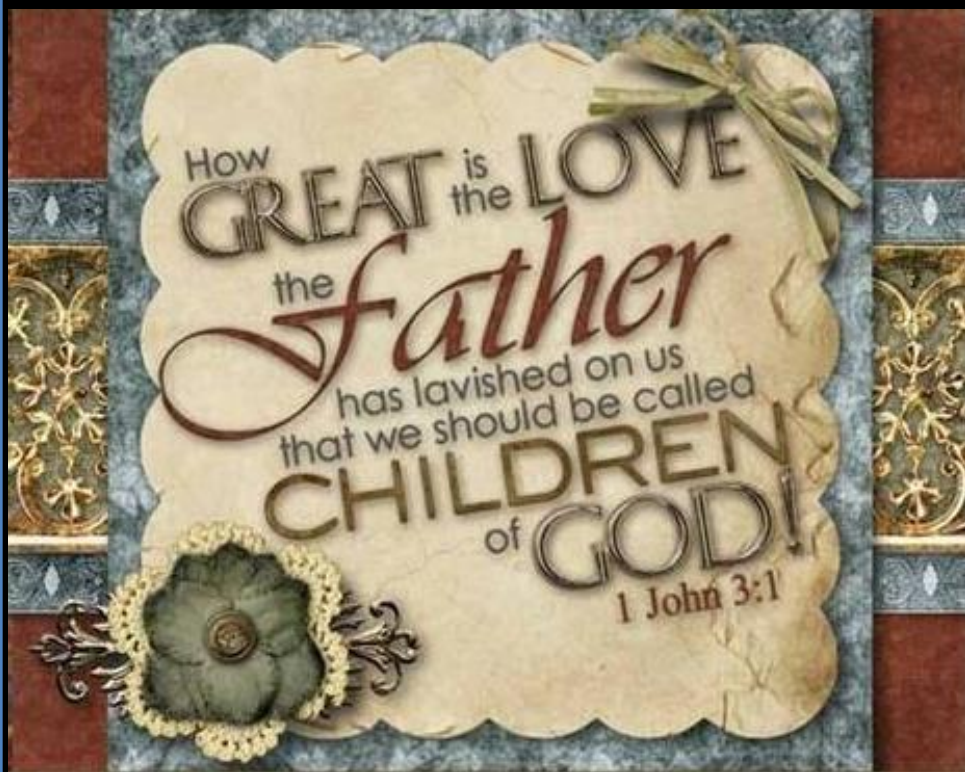
1, 2 & 3 JOHN



LOVE

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
whoever born Dear
sister must loves
one know
brother loved
sent also friends
perfect complete
fear live among
made command
since
lives drives first world
anyone anyone
Father
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The Consummation of Love

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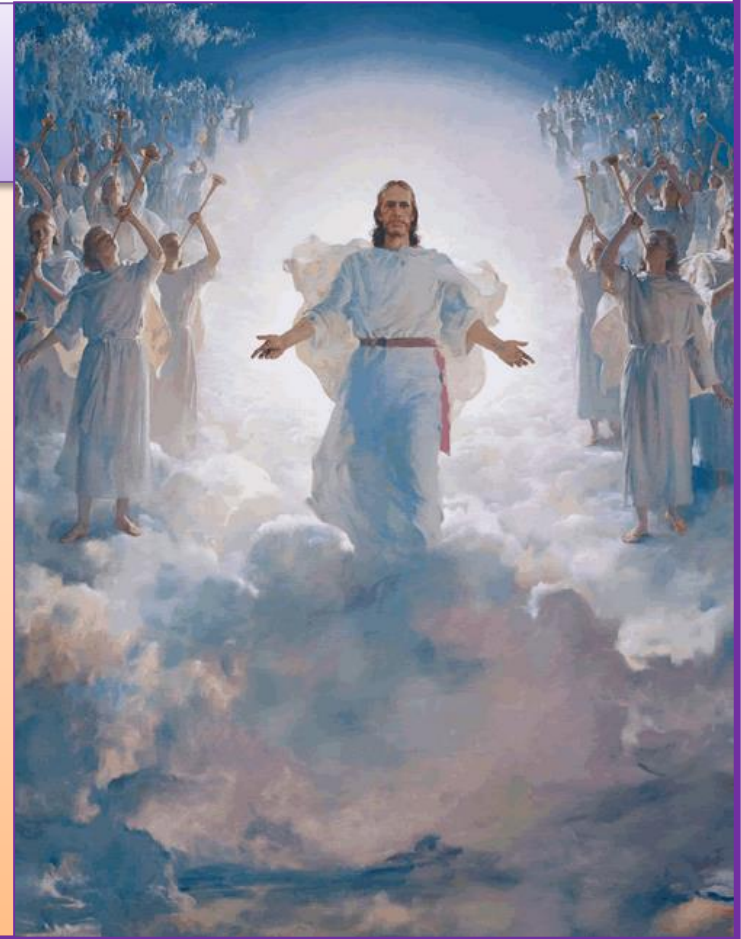
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... 1 John 4:7-9 ...NKJV

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... 1 John 4:10-11 ...NKJV

Scriptural Text: 1 John 4:7-19

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1 JOHN 4:12-16

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. **13** By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

... 1 John 4:12-14 ...NKJV



Scriptural Text: 1 John 4:7-19

SEEING GOD THROUGH LOVE

1 JOHN 4:12-16

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16** And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

... 1 John 4:15-16 ...NKJV

Scriptural Text: 1 John 4:7-19

THE CONSUMMATION OF LOVE

1 JOHN 4:17-19

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **19** We love Him because He first loved us.

... 1 John 4:17-19 ...NKJV



The Consummation of Love

God is Love

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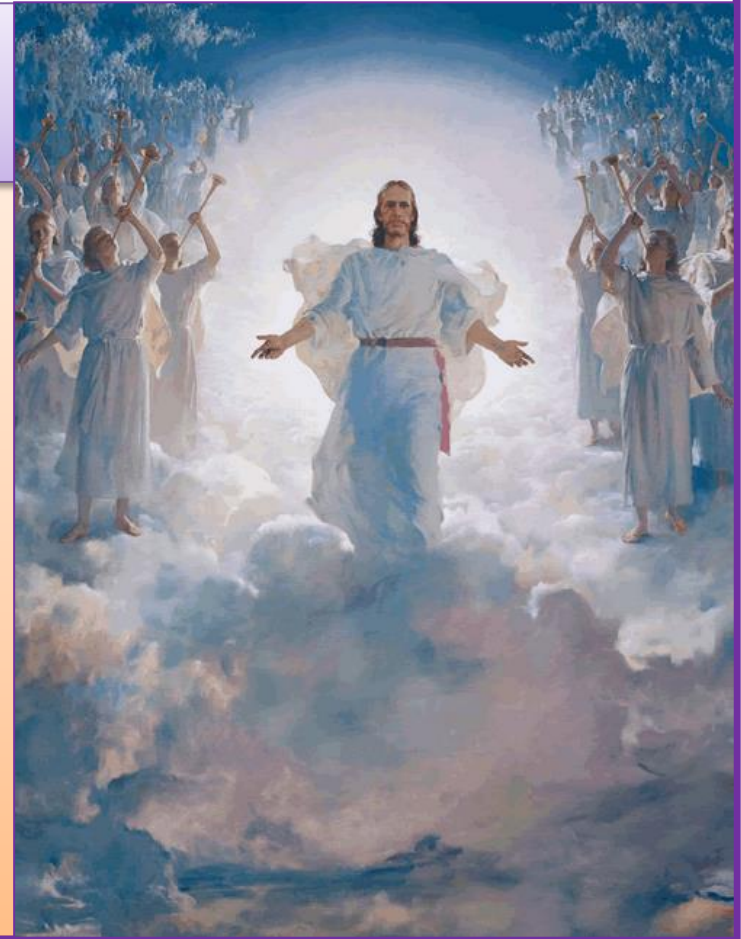
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1 John 4:7-19 - Overview OBSERVATIONS

- 3rd time John presents the subject of Love

- Love for the brethren

1. Proof of fellowship with God ... 1 John 2:7-11

- Love is a matter of light and darkness

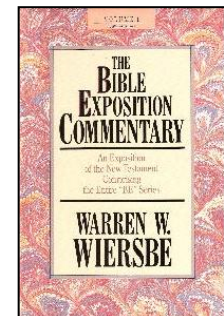
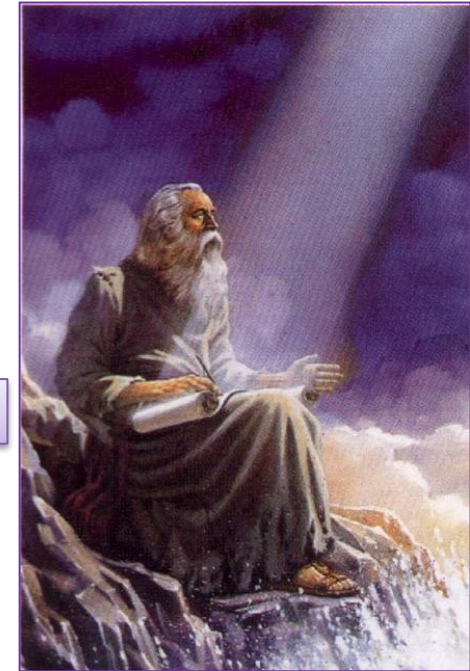
2. Proof of sonship ... 1 John 3:10-14

- Love is a matter of life and death

- God is Love

3. God is the source of Love ... 1 John 4:7-16 *This lesson*

- Love is a valid test of our fellowship and sonship
- Love is part of the very being of God
- IF we are united to God through Jesus Christ
- THEN we share His nature ... Love



ANYONE WHO KNOWS GOD AND HAS BEEN "BORN AGAIN" WILL RESPOND TO GOD'S NATURE AND PRACTICE LOVE.

1 John 4:7-19 - Overview OBSERVATIONS

- 3x - John encourages us to love one another
 - 1 John 4:7, 11-12
 - Supports these admonitions with 3 facts about God

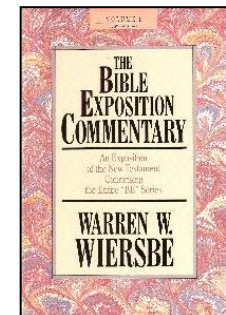
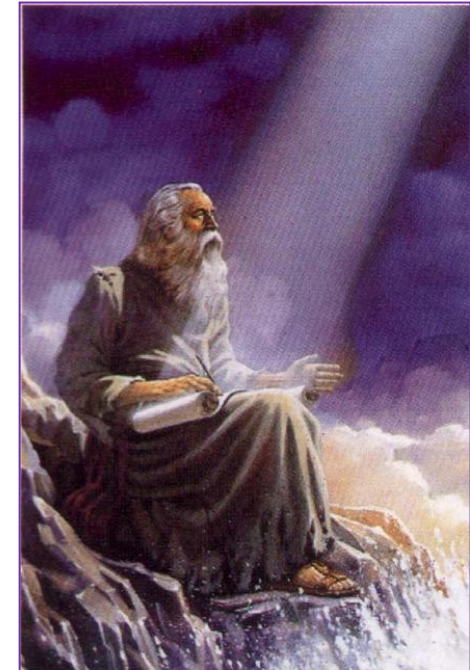
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THREE INSEPARABLE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD...

GOD IS A SPIRIT ... JOHN 4:24

GOD IS LIGHT 1 JOHN 1:5

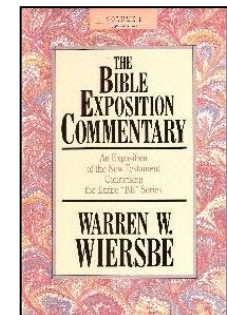
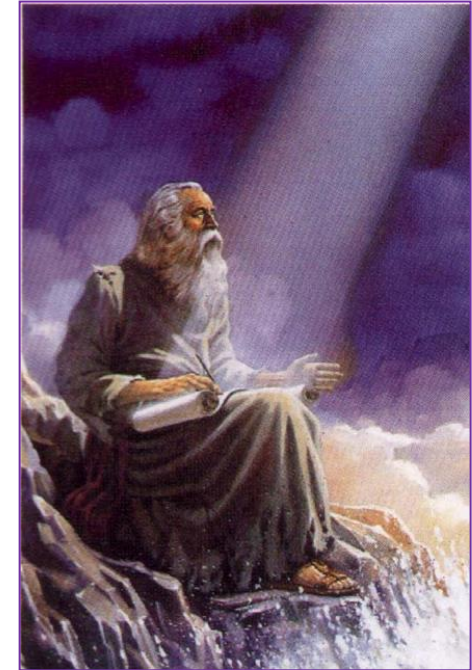
GOD IS LOVE 1 JOHN 4:8



1 John 4:7-8 - OBSERVATIONS



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1 John 4:7-8 - OBSERVATIONS

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

• Love one another

• Why love one another?

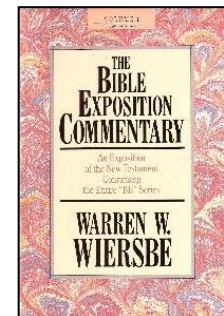
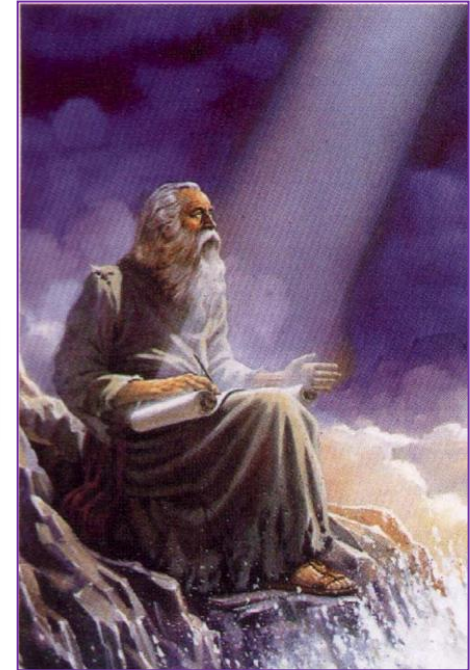
- Because Love is of God
- Love is the test for knowing God

- POSITIVE TEST: ... verse 7 - stated positively
- NEGATIVE TEST: ... verse 8 - stated negatively

For emphasis

• God is Love

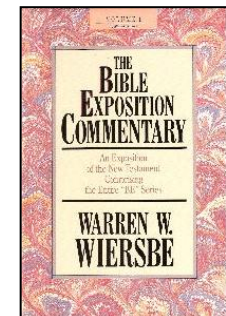
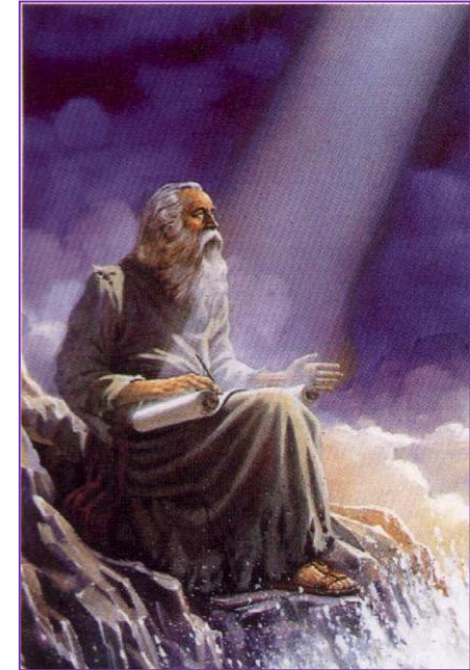
- This does not mean “Love is God”
- Love does not define God - God defines Love.
- God is the source of pure love
 - Not the lusts of the world branded as love



1 John 4:9-11 - OBSERVATIONS



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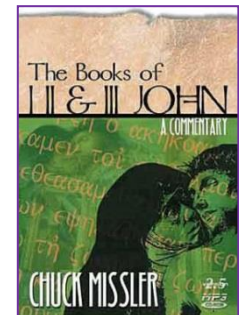
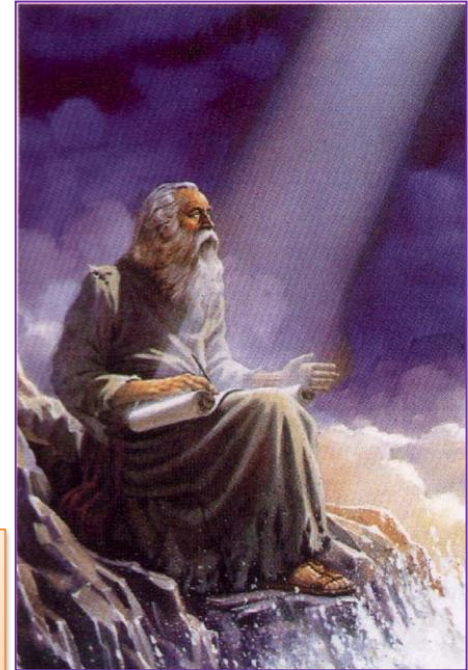
1 John 4:9 - OBSERVATIONS

⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

- The love of God was manifested toward us
 - God has created and fine-tuned the universe for man --- Anthropic Principle
 - God's ultimate expression of Love
 - He sent His only begotten Son ... John 3:16, 1 John 4:9
- **Why did God send His Son?**
 - That we might live through Him

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

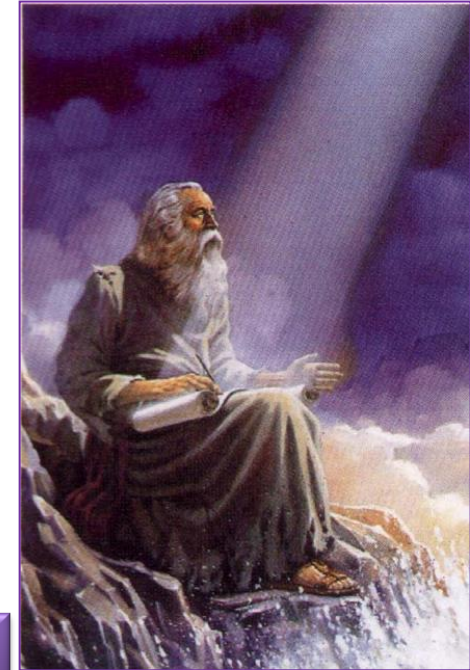
-- Galatians 2:20 ... NKJV



1 John 4:10 - OBSERVATIONS

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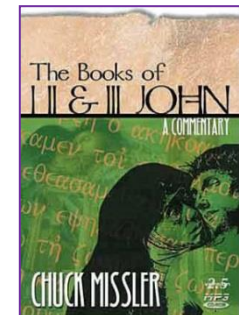
- This is love
 - God's expression of Love was to send His Son to be the propitiation of our sins.
 - Propitiation
 - The satiation of God's holy anger against sin
 - The taking away of the sin by Christ's sacrifice
 - Not just a covering - OT foreshadowing
 - A mystery of God's great love for us - Great Exchange



EVEN SOCRATES RECOGNIZED THE PARADOX

It may be that the deity can forgive sins, but I do not see how.

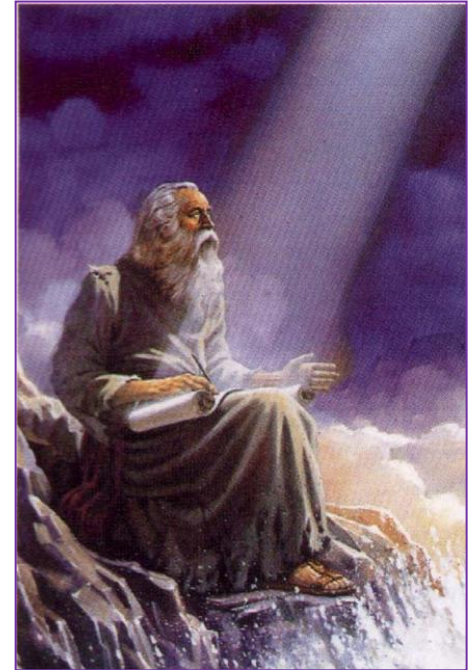
---Socrates to Plato



1 John 4:11 - OBSERVATIONS

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- We also ought to love one another
 - What should be our response to God's great love for us?
 - We also ought to love one another
 - God expects us to love **ALL** believers
 - Not just the one's we like
 - Even the one's that rub us the wrong way - *ouch!*
 - We are to view ALL believers as God views them
 - With love



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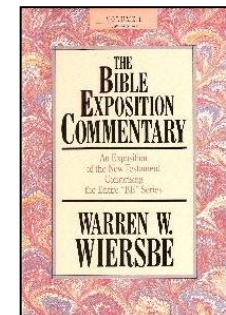
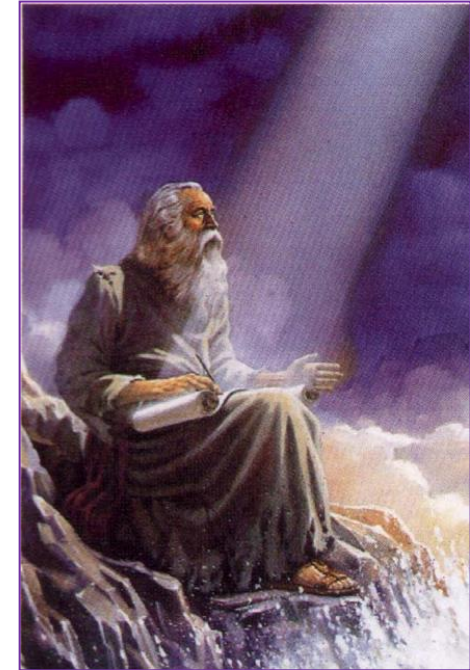
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1 John 4:12 - OBSERVATIONS

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- No one has seen God at any time
 - The Father revealed ... John 14:7-11, Colossians 1:15

⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

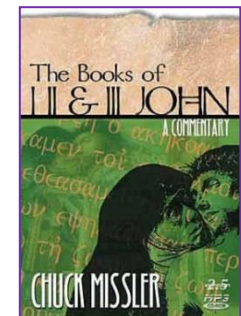
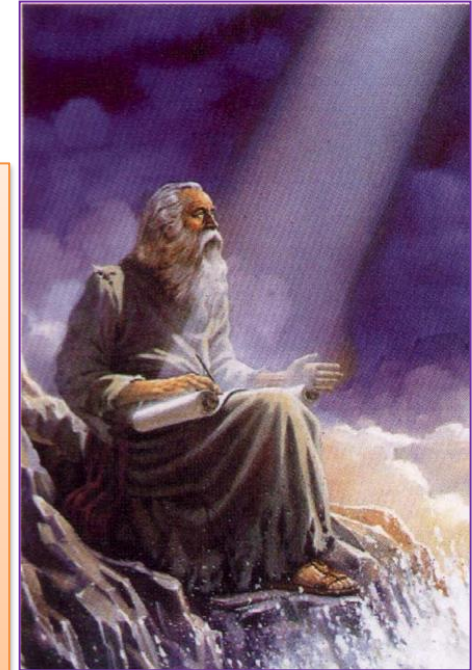
⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

--- John 14:7-11 ... NKJV

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

--- Colossians 1:15 ... NKJV

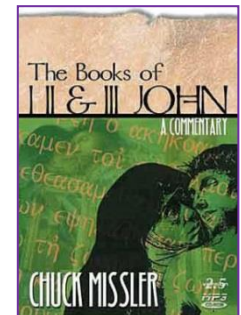
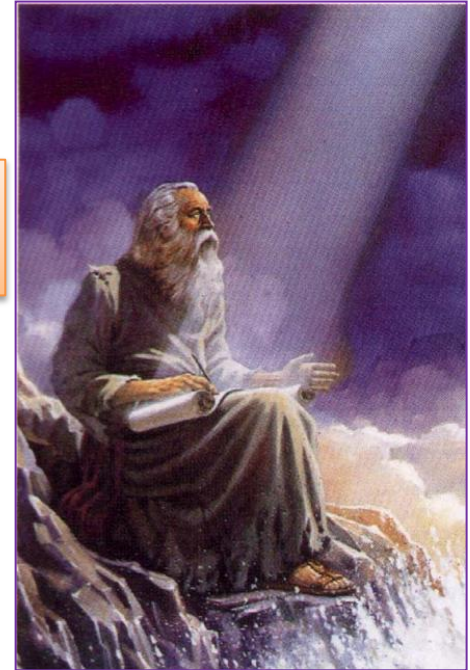


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1 John 4:13 - OBSERVATIONS

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- We abide in Him

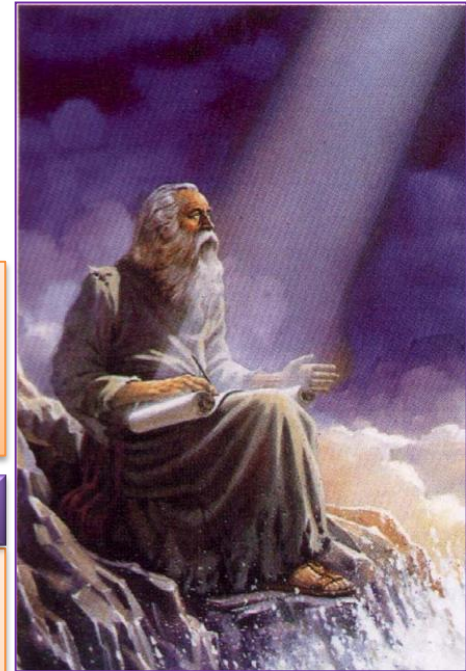
- How do we know that we abide in Him?

- Because He has given us His Spirit
 - “Born-Again” ... Indwelt by the Holy Spirit

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. --- John 14:23 ... NKJV

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. --- John 7:37-39 ... NKJV



1 John 4:14 - OBSERVATIONS

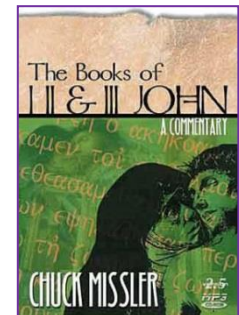
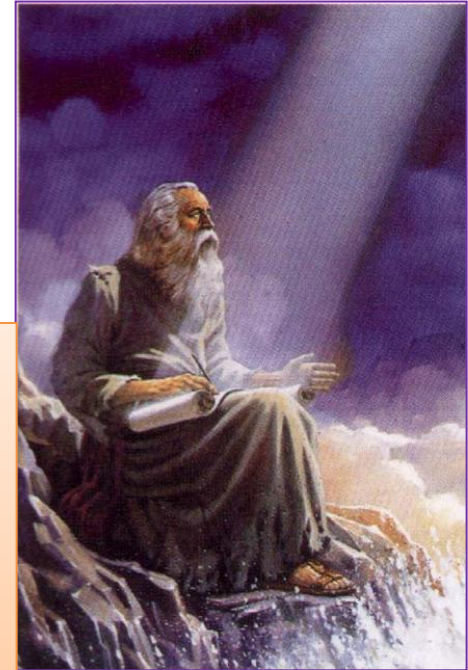
14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

- We have seen and testify
 - John was an eyewitness - an Apostle
 - Testify to what fact?
 - The Father sent Jesus - His Son - to be the Savior of the world.

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

--- John 3:16-19 ... NKJV



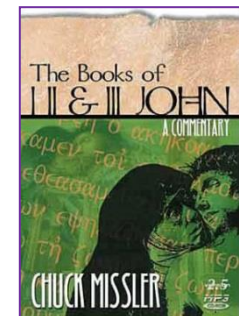
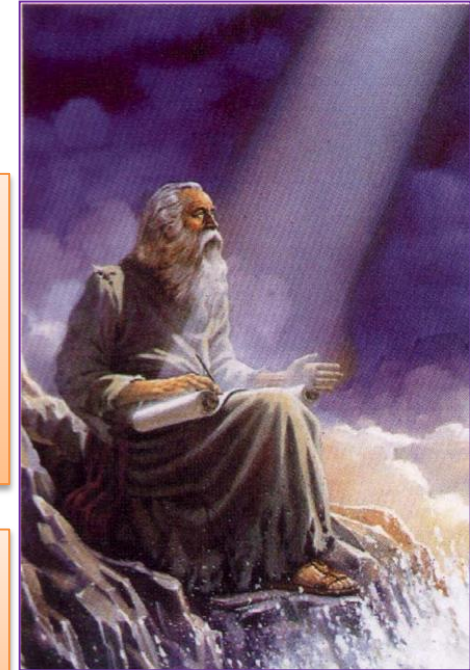
1 John 4:15 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

- Whoever confesses
 - God will only abide in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. --- Romans 10:-9-10 ... NKJV

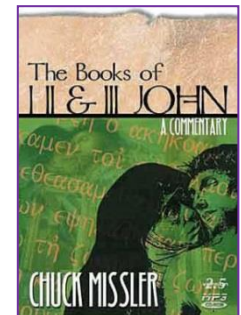
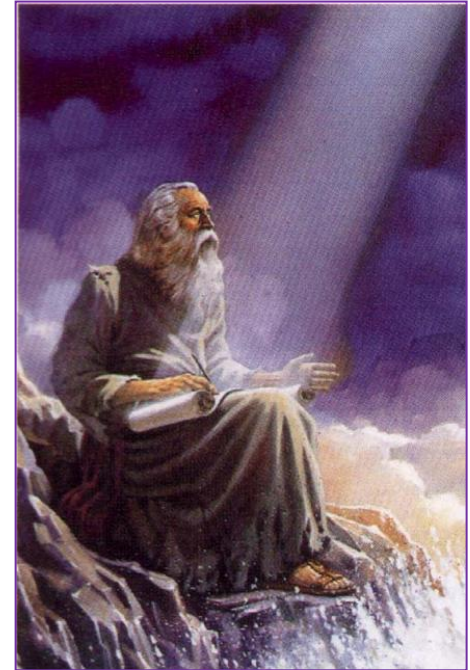
¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." --- Acts 4:12 ... NKJV



1 John 4:16 - OBSERVATIONS

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

- **God is love**
 - This is not simply a conceptual statement
 - It is the basis for the believer's relationship
 - with **God** ... Vertical relationship
 - with **man** ... Horizontal relationship



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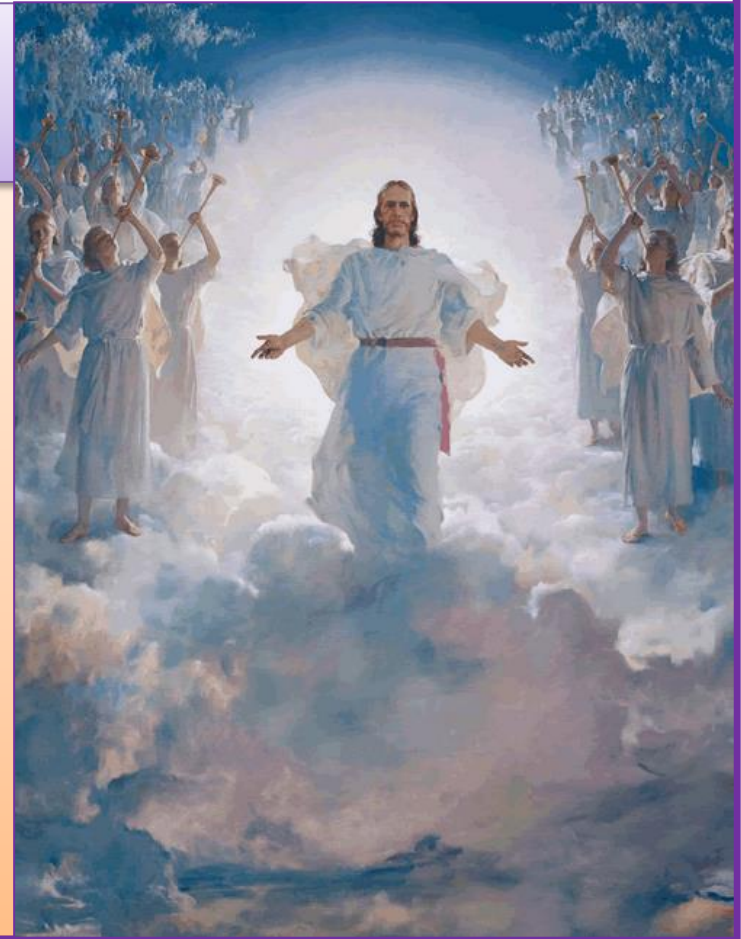
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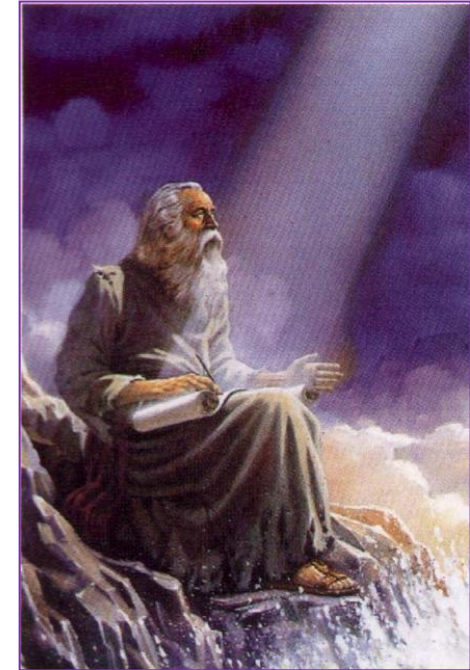
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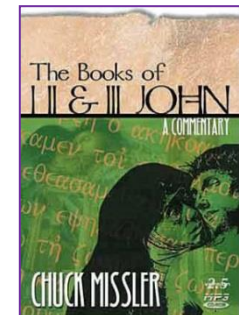
1 John 4:17 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

- Love has been perfected among us
 - Why?
 - So that we may have boldness in the day of judgment
 - Boldness
 - mean “*confidence*” or “*freedom of speech*.”
 - It does not mean *brazenness* or *brashness*.



A BELIEVER HAS A REVERENTIAL FEAR OF GOD,
NOT A TORMENTING FEAR;
HE IS A SON WHO RESPECTS HIS FATHER,
NOT A PRISONER WHO CRINGES BEFORE A JUDGE.



1 John 4:18 - OBSERVATIONS

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

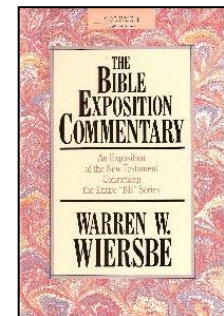
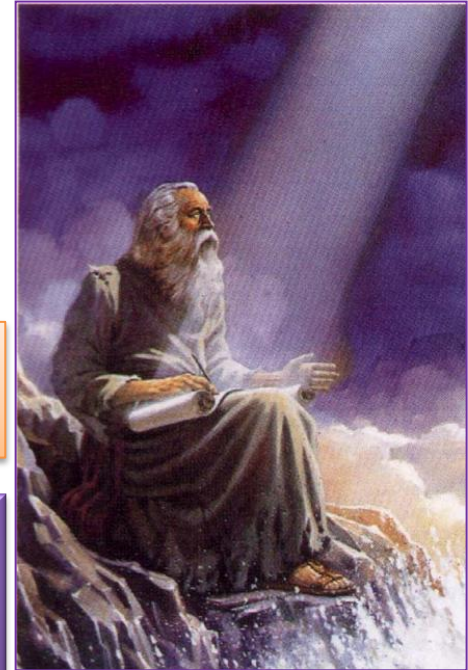
- Perfect love casts out fear
 - Fear ... Greek - *phobos* ... “phobia”
 - John is writing about *krisisphobia*,
“fear of judgment.”

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, --- Hebrews 9:27 ... NKJV

IF PEOPLE ARE AFRAID, IT IS BECAUSE OF SOMETHING IN THE PAST THAT HAUNTS THEM, OR SOMETHING IN THE PRESENT THAT UPSETS THEM, OR SOMETHING IN THE FUTURE THAT THEY FEEL THREATENS THEM.

OR IT MAY BE A COMBINATION OF ALL THREE.

A BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST DOES NOT HAVE TO FEAR THE PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE, FOR HE HAS EXPERIENCED THE LOVE OF GOD AND THIS LOVE IS BEING PERFECTED IN HIM DAY BY DAY.



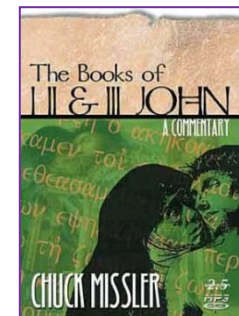
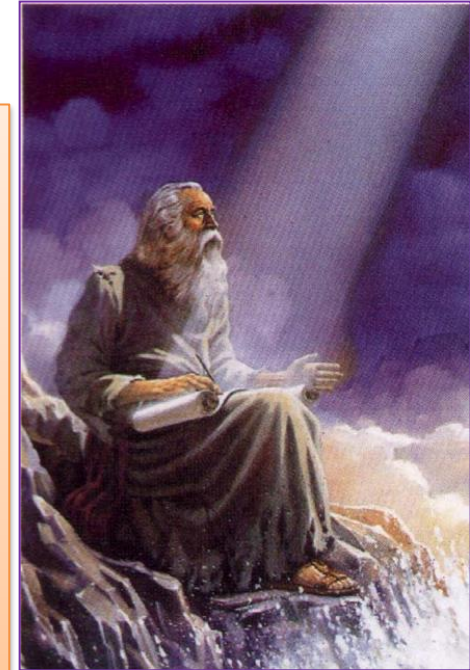
1 John 4:19 - OBSERVATIONS

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

- **He first loved us**

- God initiated our love relationship with Him

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **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. --- **Romans 5:6-11 ... NKJV**



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