

# The Book of 1<sup>st</sup> John Speaks to Christian Men about Assurance of Salvation

Week Two  
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## Chapter One

**1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1. What was “heard... seen with our eyes... looked upon.... hands have handled?” John 1:1, 1:14, Acts 1:14, 8:58, Rev 1:11.
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**1:2** (For the life was manifested [made clear, apparent, obvious, evident..] , and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

2. What in the world is John/God talking about? Refer to vs. John 19:35, 21:24, Rev 1:2 How was eternal life manifested unto us?
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**1:3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**1:4** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

3. Who is “we,” “us,” and “our?” What kind of writing is this called? Describe how the first four verses imply we are going to hear about our Assurance of Salvation.
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**1:5** This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light** [emblem of purity, truth, knowledge, prosperity, and happiness], and in him is no darkness at all.

**1:6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

**1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

4. What is the “light” and how is God the “light?” See verses John 8:12, 9:5, Rev 22:5.
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**1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**1:9** If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and **just** to **forgive us *our sins***, and to cleanse us from **all unrighteousness**.

**1:10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his **word** is not in us.

5. What “truth” is in us? What “word” is in us? How are you feeling about your Assurance of Salvation right about now? Prov 28:13
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### Summary:

This first chapter to the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John jumps right in and in ten verses tells us, flat out, that Jesus is in ALL believers and ALL believers are sinners. And if we think we do not sin, then we are not truly a believer and not truly Saved. Now that is cool! And how do you feel about your Salvation already.

So, we can continue with this Book knowing exactly where we stand in the eyes of God. The rest my friend is icing on the cake.

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## Chapter Two

**2:1** My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

**2:2** And he is the propitiation [atonement, reconciliation, mercy seat] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

**2:3** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

1. Why use the phrase “My little children?” Discuss the contrast between the references to both the Old Testament and the New Testament in the above passage.

**2:4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

**2:5** But whoso keepeth his **word**, in him verily is the love of God **perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.

**2:6** He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

2. Identify the “him” and “his” above. What commandments are being broken? Refer to John 14:6 (Intro) as a hint. Discuss perfecting God’s love and walking as He walks.

2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.  
2:8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in **him** and in **you**: because the darkness is past, and the **true light** now shineth.

3. What is the old commandment? What is the new commandment? Where are they?
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2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.  
2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.  
2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

4. Who is the light? What is the light? What is the darkness?
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2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for **his** name's sake.  
2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.  
2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

5. Why has John chosen to call out fathers, young men, and children?
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2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.  
2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.  
2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

6. What is it to love the world? What is the “pride of life?” How can we “abideth forever?”
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**2:18** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

**2:19** They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

**2:20** But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

7. What is the “last time?” What antichrists is John referring to? How do we “know all things?”
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**2:21** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

**2:22** Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

**2:23** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

8. Relate the above passage to what is happening in Ephesus and to what happens often within us?
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**2:24** Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

**2:25** And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life,

9. Let what “abide in you?” Discuss here the Assurance of Salvation.
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**2:26** These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

**2:27** But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

10. Who is doing the seducing (in Ephesus and in us)? What anointing have we received? From whom? By whom?
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**2:28** And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.  
**2:29** If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

11. What does it mean to abide in Christ?

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**Summary:**

This second chapter to the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John tells us not to sin and to remember that we have all we need inside of us via the anointing of the Holy Spirit of God to persevere. Col 2:8 says, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." I believe, in a nut shell, that is what the Apostle John is telling us. In doing this, John is also helping us recognize the patterns of behavior in our lives that can give us confidence in our faith and our salvation.

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## Chapter Three

**3:1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.  
**3:2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.  
**3:3** And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1. What “us” are to be called the “sons of God?” Rom 8:14, Gal 3:26. What does it mean that the world “knew him not?” John 16:3, John 17:25. Discuss, “we shall be like him” and sanctification referring to v. 3.

**3:4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.  
**3:5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.  
**3:6** Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

2. Reconcile the above with the concept of God’s forgiveness. Is John too being tough?

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**3:7** Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

**3:8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

3. Discuss what percentage/part of us is of the devil and what part is righteous. Why is it so?

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**3:9** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

4. Who is “born of God” and what does it mean that, “his seed remaineth in him?”

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**3:10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

**3:11** For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

**3:12** Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

5. First, define manifest. What is God's greatest commandment? What caused Cain to murder? How do we refine our lives to avoid going down that road?

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**3:13** Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

**3:14** We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

6. Given the passage above, wherein should we seek and find joy? What “death” is spoken of here? Can you give a scriptural reference to support your answer?



**3:15** Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.  
**3:16** Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.  
**3:17** But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

7. Pretty strong words from John/God here. Discuss hate, and what it takes to hate. Is anger the same as hate? Did Jesus ever get angry? If yes, under what circumstances? What does God hate?

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**3:18** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.  
**3:19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.  
**3:20** For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.  
**3:21** Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

8. What does it mean to “assure our hearts before him?” Can we hide anything from God? (vs for thoughts and intents) Discuss how the passage above gives us a roadmap to assurance.

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**3:22** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

9. Discuss the how the second part of the verse impacts the first part.

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**3:23** And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.  
**3:24** And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

10. Discuss how the passage above tells us how simply we can have the “assurance of Salvation.” How big a part does “Love” play in the proof of our Salvation?

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### Summary:

This Third chapter to the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John we are taught about God's greatest commandment toward brotherly love. We learn how our love of one another effects our love for God and His Son. Even in times of hardship, persecution, or attack, if we move with love, we become the ultimate Christian; that is Christ-like. Is an attitude of love toward everyone a priority in your life? Was it a priority in Christ's life? Phil 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us do the ordinary and then watch God do the extraordinary.

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## Chapter Four

**4:1** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**4:2** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

**4:3** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

1. What spirits are being discussed here? Deu 13:1-5, Mat 7:15 -16, 24:4, 23-26. When and how do we face them today? 1 Tim 4:1 Relate these spirits to your own minds?

**4:4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

2. Who is in us? Give a compelling reason why we should rejoice. John 10:28-30, 14:17-23, 2Cor 4:4

4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.  
4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

3. Who is of the world? 1 Cor 1:18, 2:14. Discuss the spirit of error. James 1:19-21

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4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.  
4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

4. Define love. Mark 12:28-34, John 21:15-17. Discuss agapa, phileo, and eros love. Eph 2:4, Heb 12:29

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4:9 In this was manifested [made clear] the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.  
4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation [winning favor, averting anger] for our sins.

5. Discuss the truth of the phrase, "God is love." Refer to John 3:16, Rom 8:39, Deu 7:9, Mic 6:8

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4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.  
4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.  
4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.  
4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

6. Explain, "No man has seed God at any time." Gen 32:20, Exo 33:20, John 1:18, 1 Tim 1:17. Briefly tell how we dwell in Him? Discuss what it means to testify.

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**4:15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.  
**4:16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.  
**4:17** Herein is our love made perfect [finished, complete, reach the end], that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

7. How do we confess? Discuss how you are feeling about your salvation. What is expected of us once we are saved? Mat 10:32, Rom 10:9, James 2:22, 2 John 1:7
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**4:18** There is no fear in love; but **perfect love** casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

8. WOW! Where does the joy of the saved, the true believer come from? Luk 1:74, Rom 8:15, James 2:19. Describe the joy you have in the knowledge you are Saved.
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**4:19** We love him, because he first loved us.  
**4:20** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?  
**4:21** And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

9. As Saved persons the Holy Spirit works on our heart in ever situation to show love to even our enemies. Why? Is it ever possible to find comfort in this? Luk 7:47, 2 Cor 5:15, John 13:34,35, 15:12,15
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### Summary:

This forth chapter to the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John again warns us regarding false prophets, preachers. We should seek a personal relationship with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit and listen to their conviction on our heart. Then we will find our proper place in the world, insulation from false doctrines, and contentment in a world where we are outcasts and misfits. At that point we can more easily see ourselves as servants to our brothers in a way that honors our God in all we do. Our goal should be reflective of Matthew 25:23.

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**5:1** Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

**5:2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1. Who begat and who is begotten? Relate vs 2 to the greatest commandment in Mat 22:36-40. So how do we show our love for God? Mic 6:8 John 13:35, Psa 119:140

**5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

**5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

**5:5** Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

2. Discuss “commandments are not grievous.” Who is born of God in vs 4? How does believing in Christ help us overcome the world? Heb 8:10 John 16:33

**5:6** This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

**5:7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

**5:8** And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

3. How did Christ come from water and blood? Lev 17:11, Mat 26:28 Compare the Father, Word, and Holy Ghost versus the spirit, water, and blood? How are they one?
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**5:9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

**5:10** He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

**5:11** And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

4. What is the witness of God? John 5:31-36. This passage tells us the most important component of our faith; what is it and why? Gal 2:20, John 3:36.
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**5:12** He that hath the Son hath life: *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

**5:13** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

5. John is making it abundantly clear what is salvation. There is no question! Praise God! Now ask, "Am I Saved?" The answer should be clear. 1 Cor 1:30, John 20:31.
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**5:14** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

**5:15** And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

6. Contrast, just asking God, versus asking God according to his will. John 15:7, James 4:3. What does it take to have God hear our petitions? James 5:16, Mat 7:7-11
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**5:16** If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

**5:17** All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

7. What is the “sin onto death?” Mat 12:31, 32 Heb 6:4-6. How did Ananias & Sapphira commit this sin? Acts 5:1-11. What is a believer’s seared conscience? 1 Tim 4:1,2
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**5:18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**5:19** *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

8. Who is verse 18 talking about? James 1:18, 1 Pet 1:23. What is the point of verse 19? Gal 1:4, James 4:42 Cor 4:4,
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**5:20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

**5:21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

9. The “understanding” we are given is of Salvation, and the path to Salvation, and the assurance of salvation? Mat 13:11. What are we expected to do after we are Saved... a one word answer? 1Pet 1:2, 2 Th 2:13. What does it mean and how does it flow from our Assurance of Salvation?
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### Summary:

Thank you for joining me in the study of the fifth and last chapter to the book of 1st John. John the apostle’s first century battle for the purity of the Gospel of Christ defines for us how to know, we know, we are saved. We end our study where we started, learning of the proper mind set toward Salvation. That is, sound attention to the basics of Christianity; faith, obedience, and love. These lead to happiness, holiness, and assurance. God bless you.

Thank you for attending,

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