

# MASTERING THE BIBLE

All You Need to Know About the New Testament

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## Introduction

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**Mastering the Bible**  
**INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE**

**I. Course Overview**

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE**

**II. Original Purpose**

- memorize chapter outlines
  
- memorize key verses and memorization verses

**III. Practical Application**

- Individual
  
- Family
  
- Body of Christ

**IV. Presentation**

- Lecture
  
- Break
  
- Lecture
  
- Q&A (as time allows)

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

Old Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Hebrew/Aramaic

Contents: History/Prophecy

English Bible Arrangement (according to the Septuagint)

<b>Law</b> Genesis-Deuteronomy	<b>History</b> Joshua-Esther	<b>Writings</b> Psalms-Song of Solomon	<b>Prophets</b> Isaiah-Malachi
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Hebrew Bible Arrangement

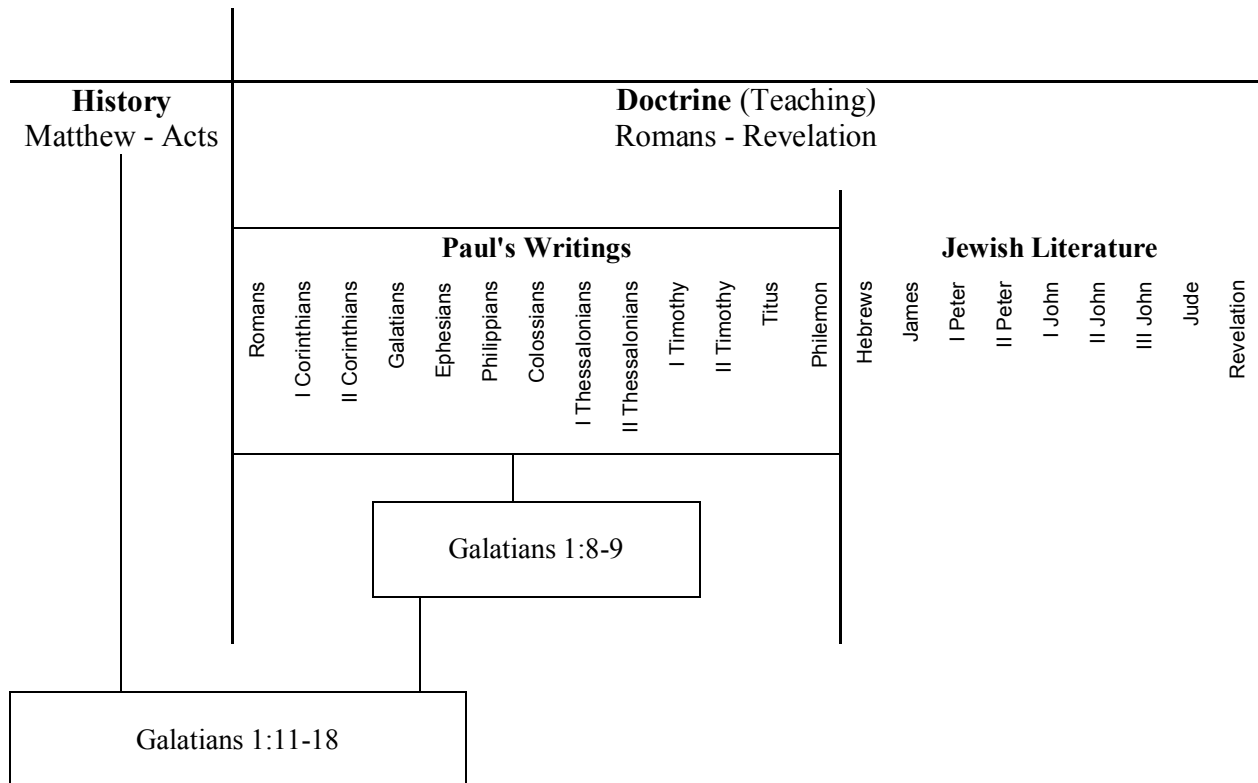
<b>Law</b> Genesis-Deuteronomy	<b>Prophets</b> Joshua-Malachi (minus Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)	<b>Writings</b> Job-II Chronicles (including Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)
Torah	Neviim	Ketuvim
תּוֹרָה	נְבִיאִים	כְּתוּבִים
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New Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Greek

Contents: History/Doctrine (Teaching)



**II Corinthians 10:4-6**

- 4) For the tools of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful *with* God for the pulling down of strongholds;
- 5) pulling down reasonings and every high thing exalting itself against the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought into the obedience of Christ;
- 6) and having in readiness that we should avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience should be fulfilled.

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### **INTRODUCTION TO I, II & III JOHN**

#### **I. About the Author - the Apostle John**

- The Apostle John is not John the Baptist.
- The Apostle John had a brother by the name of James. They were known as "The Sons of Zebedee" (Matthew 10:2-4). Jesus gave them the name "The Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17).
- John, Peter, and James were the inner circle of the disciples of Jesus and spent many special times with the Lord (Matthew 17:1; 26:37).
- The Apostle John was the only original apostle not to die a martyr's death.
- John wrote the Gospel of John, I, II and III John, and the Book of Revelation.

#### **II. About the Recipients**

- The Apostle John wrote I, II and III John to the churches of Asia Minor over which John exercised Apostolic leadership in his later years. Most of the recipients of his letters were Jewish believers but the letters were written for all of the believers in the churches.

#### **III. About the Date and Location**

- I John was written sometime in the late 80s or early 90s A.D. It is believed John's letters were written soon after he composed the Gospel of John. All five of John's letters were written from Ephesus where he spent his elder years leading the churches in Asia Minor.

#### **IV. About I John**

- I John was written to combat the beginnings of Gnosticism - from the Greek word for knowledge. The Gnostics claimed to have special knowledge that no one else could know unless they were one of the initiated ones.
- These false teachers and teachings arose from within the church.

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**INTRODUCTION TO I, II & III JOHN**

**IV. About I John (continued)**

- Gnostic doctrine was based on dualism which asserted that physical matter was inherently evil and spirit was good.
- At the time John was leading the churches in Asia, Gnosticism had two main groups.
  1. Docetics taught that Jesus's physical body was not real but only seemed to be physical – known as asceticism from a Greek word that means "to appear."
  2. Cerentians taught that Christ's spirit descended upon the human Jesus at his baptism, but left him just before the crucifixion.
- The main teaching about Jesus from this movement denied the Lord's humanity in order to support the Lord's sinless nature.

**V. About II John**

- II John was written right after I John. II John was written to combat the infiltration of Gnostic teaching into the church.

**VI. About III John**

- III John was written shortly after II John. This letter was written to instruct the church about the responsibilities of genuine hospitality.

**VII. About the Theme and Style of John's Letters**

- John's main theme is the correct doctrine of the humanity of Jesus Christ. The sub-theme is the assurance of salvation for genuine believers.
- John presents these themes in factual statements rather than generalizations. I John contains a series of conditional phrases describing the differences between doctrinal truth and error, as well as contrasting a genuine believer with a false one.

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**INTRODUCTION TO I, II & III JOHN (continued)**

**VIII. About the Relationship of I, II and III John with the rest of the New Testament**

- John's letters were the last written in the New Testament. Four of the letters are classified in the Jewish Literature section of the New Testament since John wrote mostly to the believing Jews who were scattered in Asia Minor.

**IV. Section Outline of I John**

Chapter 1	The Doctrine of God
Chapter 2	The Doctrine of Genuine Confession
Chapter 3	The Doctrine of Sin
Chapter 4	The Doctrine of Love
Chapter 5	The Doctrine of Salvation



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## Mastering the Bible - I John

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I John Chapter 1 The Doctrine of God
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C.O. 

<b>I John 1:1-4</b> <b>The Proof of the Incarnation</b>
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M.V. 

I John 1:3
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### Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> 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;

<sup>2</sup> (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

**<sup>3</sup> 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.**

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

## NOTES

I John Chapter 1 The Doctrine of God

I John 1:1-4 The Proof of the Incarnation

Verses 1-2 The Confirmation of the Incarnation

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Verses 3-4 The Confirmation of John's Motivation

<sup>3</sup> That which  
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with his Son Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> And these things  
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## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 1 (continued)

C.O.	<b><u>I John 1:5-10</u></b> <b>The Principles of Fellowship</b>	
M.V.	I John 1:5	<p><b>5</b> <u>This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.</u></p> <p><b>6</b> If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:</p>
M.V.	I John 1:7	<p><b>7</b> <u>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.</u></p> <p><b>8</b> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.</p>
M.V.	I John 1:9	<p><b>9</b> <u>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us <i>our</i> sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</u></p> <p><b>10</b> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.</p>

## NOTES

### I John Chapter 1 The Doctrine of God (continued)

#### I John 1:5-10 The Principles of Fellowship

##### Verse 5 The Creed

**<sup>5</sup> This then  
is the message  
which we have heard of him,  
and  
declare unto you,  
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and  
in him is no darkness at all.**

##### Verse 6 The First Condition

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

##### Verse 7 The Contrast

**<sup>7</sup> But  
if we walk in the light,  
as he is in the light,  
we have fellowship one with another,  
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the blood of Jesus Christ his Son  
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##### Verse 8 The Second Condition

**<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and  
the truth is not in us.**

##### Verse 9 The Contrast

**<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.**

##### Verse 10 The Third Condition

**<sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned,  
we make him a liar,  
and  
his word is not in us.**

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S.O. 

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession
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C.O. 

<b>I John 2:1-2</b> <b>The Provision for Confession</b>
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M.V. 

I John 2:1
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M.V. 

I John 2:2
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### Chapter 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 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession

I John 2:1-2 The Provision for Confession

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## Mastering the Bible - I John

C.O.

**I John 2:3-6**  
**The Principle of Knowing the Lord**

### Chapter 2 (continued)

<sup>3</sup> And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

<sup>4</sup> He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

<sup>5</sup> But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

<sup>6</sup> He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.



## NOTES

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession (continued)

I John 2:3-6 The Principle of Knowing the Lord

Verse 3 The First Condition

**<sup>3</sup> And hereby we do know that we know him,  
if we keep his commandments.**

Verse 4 The Contrast

**<sup>4</sup> He that saith,  
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and keepeth not his commandments,  
  
is a liar,  
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Verse 5 The Second Condition

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

Verse 6 The Contrast

**<sup>6</sup> He that saith he abideth in him  
ought himself also so to walk,  
even as he walked.**

C.O.

**I John 2:7-17**  
**The Procedure of Love**

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

<sup>10</sup> He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession (continued)

I John 2:7-17 The Procedure of Love

Verses 7-8 The Concept of Love

<sup>7</sup> Brethren,  
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Verses 9-11 The Condition of Love

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walketh in darkness,  
and  
knoweth not whither he goeth,  
  
because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

Chapter 2 (continued)

<sup>12</sup> I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

M.V.

I John 2:15

**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.

M.V.

I John 2:16

**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.

<sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession (continued)

I John 2:7-17 The Procedure of Love (continued)

Verses 12-14 The Capacity for Love

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Verses 15-17 The Commandment of Love

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the lust of the eyes,  
and  
the pride of life,  
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<sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away,  
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but  
he that doeth the will of God  
abideth for ever.

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### Chapter 2 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 2:18-27**  
**The Position of Remaining**

M.V.

I John 2:19

<sup>18</sup> 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.

**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.**

<sup>20</sup> But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

<sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

<sup>23</sup> Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: *(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*

## NOTES

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession (continued)

I John 2:18-27 The Position of Remaining

Verses 18-19 The Children of Anti-Christ

<sup>18</sup> **Little children,  
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even now  
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whereby we know that it is the last time.**

<sup>19</sup> **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.**

Verse 20 The Contrast

<sup>20</sup> **But ye have an unction  
from the Holy One,  
and ye know all things.**

Verses 21-23 The Confession of Anti-Christ

<sup>21</sup> **I have not written unto you  
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<sup>23</sup> **Whosoever denieth the Son,  
the same hath not the Father:  
*(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.***

Chapter 2 (continued)

<sup>24</sup> 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.

<sup>25</sup> And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

<sup>27</sup> 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.

M.V.

I John 2:27



## NOTES

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession (continued)

I John 2:18-27 The Position of Remaining (continued)

Verses 24-25 The Confirmation of Believers

<sup>24</sup> **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.**

<sup>25</sup> **And this is the promise  
that he hath promised us,  
*even* eternal life.**

Verses 26-27 The Capacity of Believers

<sup>26</sup> **These *things* have I written unto you  
concerning them that seduce you.**

<sup>27</sup> **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.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 2 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 2:28-29**  
**The Confidence for Believers**

<sup>28</sup> 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.

<sup>29</sup> If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 2 The Doctrine of Genuine Confession (continued)

I John 2:28-29 The Confidence for believers

Verse 28 The Command for Abiding

<sup>28</sup> **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.**

Verse 29 The Character of the New Birth

<sup>29</sup> **If ye know that he is righteous,  
ye know that every one that doeth righteousness  
is born of him.**

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S.O. 

I John Chapter 3 The Doctrine of Sin
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C.O. 

<b>I John 3:1-3</b> <b>The Principle of Purification</b>
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M.V. 

I John 3:2
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### Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

## NOTES

### I John Chapter 3 The Doctrine of Sin

I John 3:1-3      The Principle of Purification

Verse 1a      The Calling of the Child of God

**<sup>1</sup>Behold,  
what manner of love  
the Father hath bestowed upon us,  
  
that we should be called  
the sons of God:**

Verse 1b      The Consequence of Being a Child of God

**therefore  
the world knoweth us not,  
  
because it knew him not.**

Verse 2      The Confirmation for the Future

**<sup>2</sup> 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.**

Verse 3      The first Condition of the Genuine Believer

**<sup>3</sup> And  
every man  
    that hath this hope in him  
purifieth himself,  
    even as he is pure.**

C.O.

**I John 3:4-10**  
**The Principle of Sin**

<sup>4</sup> Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

<sup>5</sup> And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

<sup>6</sup> Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

<sup>7</sup> Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

## NOTES

### I John Chapter 3 The Doctrine of Sin (continued)

I John 3:4-10 The Principle of Sin

Verse 4 The Characteristic of a Sinner

**<sup>4</sup> Whosoever committeth sin  
transgresseth also the law:**

**for  
sin is the transgression of the law.**

Verse 5 The Cure for Sin

**<sup>5</sup> And  
ye know  
that he was manifested  
to take away our sins;  
and  
in him is no sin.**

Verse 6a The Second Condition of the Genuine Believer

**<sup>6</sup> Whosoever  
abideth in him  
sinneth not:**

Verse 6b The Contrast

**whosoever  
sinneth  
hath not seen him,  
neither  
known him.**

Verse 7 The Third Condition of the Genuine Believer

**<sup>7</sup> Little children,  
let no man deceive you:**

**he that doeth righteousness  
is righteous,  
even as he is righteous.**

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### Chapter 3 (continued)

M.V.

I John 3:8

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.

M.V.

I John 3:9

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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.



## NOTES

### I John Chapter 3 The Doctrine of Sin (continued)

#### I John 3:4-10 The Principle of Sin (continued)

##### Verse 8a The Capacity to Sin

**<sup>8</sup> He that committeth sin  
is of the devil;  
for  
the devil sinneth  
from the beginning.**

##### Verse 8b The Cure for Sin

**For this purpose  
the Son of God was manifested,  
  
that he might destroy  
the works of the devil.**

##### Verse 9 The Fourth Condition of the Genuine Believer

**<sup>9</sup> 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.**

##### Verse 10 The Conclusion Concerning Sin

**<sup>10</sup> 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.**

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### Chapter 3 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 3:11-24**  
**The Principle of Love**

K.V.

I John 3:12  
Genesis 4:1-8

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

**<sup>12</sup> 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.**

<sup>13</sup> Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

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

<sup>15</sup> Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 3 The Doctrine of Sin (continued)

I John 3:11-24 The Principle of Love

Verse 11 The Fifth Condition of the Genuine Believer

<sup>11</sup> **For  
this is the message  
that ye heard from the beginning,**

**that  
we should love one another.**

Verse 12 The Contrast

<sup>12</sup> **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.**

Verses 13-14a The Sixth Condition of the Genuine Believer

<sup>13</sup> **Marvel not,  
my brethren,  
if the world hate you.**

<sup>14</sup> **We know  
that we have passed from death unto life,  
because we love the brethren.**

Verses 14b-15 The Contrast

**He that loveth not *his* brother  
abideth in death.**

<sup>15</sup> **Whosoever hateth his brother  
is a murderer:  
and  
ye know that no murderer  
hath eternal life abiding in him.**

Chapter 3 (continued)

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> 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?

<sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

<sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

## NOTES

### I John Chapter 3 The Doctrine of Sin (continued)

#### I John 3:11-24 The Principle of Love (continued)

Verse 16 The Characteristic of Love

<sup>16</sup> **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.**

Verse 17 The Contrast

<sup>17</sup> **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?**

Verse 18 The Conclusion

<sup>18</sup> **My little children,  
let us not love in word,  
neither  
in tongue;  
  
but  
in deed  
and  
in truth.**

Verses 19-21 The Confidence before God

<sup>19</sup> **And hereby  
we know that we are of the truth,  
and  
shall assure our hearts before him.**

<sup>20</sup> **For if our heart condemn us,  
God is greater than our heart,  
and  
knoweth all things.**

<sup>21</sup> **Beloved,  
if our heart condemn us not,  
*then* have we confidence toward God.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 3 (continued)

M.V.

I John 3:22

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

M.V.

I John 3:23

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.

M.V.

I John 3:24

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.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 3 The Doctrine of Sin (continued)

I John 3:11-24 The Principle of Love (continued)

Verse 22 The Confidence toward Prayer

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

Verse 23 The Commandment

<sup>23</sup> **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.**

Verse 24 The Seventh Condition of the Genuine Believer

<sup>24</sup> **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.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

S.O. 

I John Chapter 4 The Doctrine of Love
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C.O. 

<b>I John 4:1-3</b> <b>The Confession of the Spirit of God</b>
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M.V. 

I John 4:1
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### Chapter 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.

<sup>2</sup> Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

<sup>3</sup> 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.



## NOTES

I John Chapter 4 The Doctrine of Love

I John 4:1-3 The Confession of the Spirit of God

Verse 1a The Commands

**Beloved,  
believe not every spirit,  
but  
try the spirits  
whether they are of God:**

Verse 1b The Cause

**because many false prophets  
are gone out into the world.**

Verse 2 The Confession

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

Verse 3 The Contrast

**<sup>3</sup> 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.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

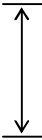
### Chapter 4 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 4:4**  
**The Conquering of the Spirit of  
God**

M.V.

I John 4:4



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.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 4 The Doctrine of Love (continued)

I John 4:4 The Conquering of the Spirit of God

**<sup>4</sup> 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.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 4 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 4:5-6**  
**The Confirmation of the People  
of God**

<sup>5</sup> They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 4 The Doctrine of Love (continued)

I John 4:5-6 The Confirmation of the People of God

Verse 5

**<sup>5</sup> They are of the world:  
therefore  
speak they of the world,  
and  
the world heareth them.**

Verse 6 The Contrast

**<sup>6</sup> 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.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 4 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 4:7-21**  
**The Completion of the Love of God**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

M.V.

I John 4:8

**8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**

M.V.

I John 4:9

**9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**

<sup>10</sup> Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

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

## NOTES

### I John Chapter 4 The Doctrine of Love (continued)

I John 4:7-21      The Completion of the Love of God

Verse 7              The Condition of Love

<sup>7</sup> **Beloved,  
let us love one another:**

**for  
love is of God;**

**and  
every one that loveth  
is born of God,  
and  
knoweth God.**

Verse 8              The Conduct of Love

<sup>8</sup> **He that loveth not  
knoweth not God;**

**for God is love.**

Verses 9-10        The Character of Love

<sup>9</sup> **In this was manifested  
the love of God toward us,**

**because that God sent  
his only begotten Son into the world,  
that we might live through him.**

<sup>10</sup> **Herein is love,  
not that we loved God,  
but  
that he loved us,  
and  
sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.**

Verse 11            The Commission of Love

<sup>11</sup> **Beloved,  
if God so loved us,  
we ought also to love one another.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 4 (continued)

<sup>12</sup> No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

M.V.

I John 4:13

**13** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

<sup>15</sup> Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

M.V.

I John 4:16

**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.



## NOTES

I John Chapter 4 The Doctrine of Love (continued)

I John 4:7-21 The Completion of the Love of God (continued)

Verses 12-14 The Completion of Love

<sup>12</sup> **No man hath seen God at any time.  
If we love one another,  
God dwelleth in us,  
and  
his love is perfected in us.**

<sup>13</sup> **Hereby know we that we dwell in him,  
and  
he in us,**

**because he hath given us of his Spirit.**

<sup>14</sup> **And we have seen  
and  
do testify  
that the Father sent the Son  
to be the Saviour of the world.**

Verse 15 The Confession of Love

<sup>15</sup> **Whosoever  
shall confess  
that Jesus is the Son of God,  
  
God dwelleth in him,  
and he in God.**

Verse 16 The Capacity of Love

<sup>16</sup> **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.**

Chapter 4 (continued)

<sup>17</sup> Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

M.V.

I John 4:18

**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.

M.V.

I John 4:19

**19** We love him, because he first loved us.

<sup>20</sup> 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?

<sup>21</sup> And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 4 The Doctrine of Love (continued)

I John 4:7-21 The Completion of the Love of God (continued)

Verses 17-19 The Confidence of Love

**<sup>17</sup> Herein is our love made perfect,  
that we may have boldness  
in the day of judgment:**

**because as he is,  
so are we in this world.**

**<sup>18</sup> 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.**

**<sup>19</sup> We love him,  
because he first loved us.**

Verses 20-21 The Condemnation in Love

**<sup>20</sup> 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?**

**<sup>21</sup> And this commandment  
have we from him,**

**That he who loveth God  
love his brother also.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

S.O. 

I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation
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C.O. 

<b>I John 5:1-3</b> <b>The Correct Doctrine</b>
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M.V. 

I John 5:2
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### Chapter 5

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation

I John 5:1-3 The Correct Doctrine

<sup>1</sup>Whosoever  
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when we love God,  
and  
keep his commandments.

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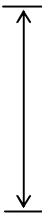
### Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 5:4-5**  
**The Correct Faith**

M.V.

I John 5:4



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

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

## NOTES

I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation (continued)

I John 5:4-5 The Correct Faith

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

<sup>5</sup> **Who is  
he that overcometh the world,  
but  
he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**

Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.	<b><u>I John 5:6-13</u></b> <b>The Correct Testimony</b>	<p><sup>6</sup> This is he that came by water and blood, <i>even</i> Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> 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.</p>
M.V.	I John 5:10	<p><b><u>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.</u></b></p> <p><sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.</p>
M.V.	I John 5:12	<p><b><u>12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.</u></b></p>
M.V.	I John 5:13	<p><b><u>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.</u></b></p>



## NOTES

### I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation (continued)

- I John 5:6-13    The Correct Testimony
- <sup>6</sup> **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.**
- <sup>7</sup> **For there are three that bear record in heaven,  
the Father,  
the Word,  
and  
the Holy Ghost:  
and  
these three are one.**
- <sup>8</sup> **And there are three  
that bear witness  
in earth,  
  
the Spirit,  
and  
the water,  
and  
the blood:  
and  
these three agree in one.**
- <sup>9</sup> **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.**
- <sup>10</sup> **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.**
- <sup>11</sup> **And this is the record,  
that God hath given to us eternal life,  
and  
this life is in his Son.**
- <sup>12</sup> **He that hath the Son hath life;  
and  
he that hath not the Son of God  
hath not life.**
- <sup>13</sup> **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.**

## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 5:14-17**  
**The Correct Prayer**

M.V.

I John 5:14

M.V.

I John 5:15

**14** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

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

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation (continued)

I John 5:14-17 The Correct Prayer

<sup>14</sup> **And this is the confidence that we have in him,  
that, if we ask any thing according to his will,  
he heareth us:**

<sup>15</sup> **And if we know that he hear us,  
whatsoever we ask,  
we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

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**There is a sin unto death:  
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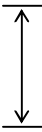
### Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 5:18**  
**The Correct Condition of Sin**

M.V.

I John 5:18



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.

## NOTES

I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation (continued)

I John 5:18 The Correct Condition of Sin

<sup>18</sup> **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.**

**Mastering the Bible - I John**

**Chapter 5 (continued)**

C.O.

**I John 5:19-20**  
**The Correct Understanding of God**

<sup>19</sup> *And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

M.V.

I John 5:20

**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.**

## NOTES

I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation (continued)

I John 5:19-20 The Correct Understanding of God

<sup>19</sup> ***And we know that we are of God,  
and  
the whole world lieth in wickedness.***

<sup>20</sup> ***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.***

## Mastering the Bible - I John

### Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.

**I John 5:21**  
**The Correct Lifestyle**



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



## NOTES

I John Chapter 5 The Doctrine of Salvation (continued)

I John 5:21 The Correct Lifestyle

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

