

**Important Message**



**Why Are Most People Not Experiencing God's Love ?**

# 1. John – The Key to Christian Living!

Christian Basics  
Part 14



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## How should we live as Christians?

- The Apostle John
- The disciple Jesus loved
- Churches in minor Asia
- Familiar with persecution
- Now in exile on Patmos
- At the end of his life –
- What message do you want to pass on?



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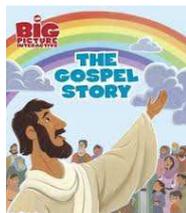
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## 1. John – the first four verses

- 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, concerning the Word of Life,
- for the Life was revealed, and we have seen *it* and bear witness, and show to you the everlasting Life, who was with the Father and was revealed to us,
- that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- And we write these things to you so that your joy may be full.



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- And this is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.




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- If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.




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## 1. John 1:7-10

- But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

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## 1. John 2:1-6

- My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ *the* righteous.
- And He is *the* propitiation concerning our sins, and not concerning ours only, but also concerning *the sins of* all the world.
- And by this we know that we have known Him, **if we keep His commandments.**
- He who says, I have known Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- But **whoever keeps His Word**, truly in this one the love of God is perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.
- He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.

**Propitiation**

= the action of propitiating or appeasing a god, spirit, or person. E.g. "he lifted his hands in propitiation"

= Atonement, especially that of Jesus Christ.

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## 1. John 2:7-11

- Brothers, I do not write a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from *the* beginning. The old commandment is the Word which you have heard from *the* beginning.
- Again, I write a new commandment to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true Light now shines.
- He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in darkness until now.
- He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no offense in him.
- But he who hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because darkness has blinded his eyes.

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## God has chosen the foolish things of this world to shame the wise! 1. Cor. ch.1

- **26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called.*
- **27** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;
- **28** and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,
- **29** that no flesh should glory in His presence.
- **30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us **wisdom** from God—and **righteousness** and **sanctification** and **redemption**—
- **31** that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

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## 1. John 2:15-17

- Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him,
- because 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.
- And the world passes away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever.



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## The slippery path to SIN!

- Lust of the flesh
- Lust of the eyes
- The pride of life
- And when the woman **saw** that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was **pleasing** to the **eyes**, and a tree to be **desired to make wise**, she took of its fruit, and ate. Genesis 3:6



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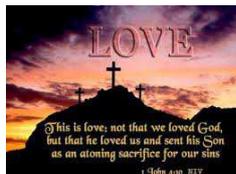
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## The key is love!

- 1Jn 3:11 For this is the message that you have heard from *the* beginning, that we should love one another;
- 1Jn 3:18 My children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
- Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God.
- 1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love has not known God. For God is love.



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### Matthew 22:37-40

- **37** Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
- **38** This is *the* first and great commandment.
- **39** And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
- **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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### Love the key to Christian living!

- The key to Christian living is the love of God shining through our lives
- Loving the unlovable the biggest challenge
- The church is not necessarily our place of choice to find friends but it is where God has placed us.
- Hate needs to be driven out by love
- Love is a choice not a feeling!
- Feeling follows Thought! – control your thoughts, control your actions!
- Love is expressed through deeds

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### Phil. 4:8,13

- Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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