

1 JOHN CHAPTER TWO

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THE CHRIST (1-2)

- A. The Admonition: “That ye sin (●) not” (1)
 - a. The Recipients: “My little children”
 - b. The Reasons: “These things write I unto you”
 - i. “That your joy may be full” (1:4)
 - ii. “That ye sin (●) not” (2:1) [The Ideal Will of God]
 - iii. “Because the darkness is past” (2:8)
 - iv. “Because the true light now shineth” (2:8)
 - v. “Because your sins are forgiven you” (2:12)
 - vi. “Because ye have known him that is from the beginning” (2:13)
 - vii. “Because ye have overcome the wicked one” (2:13)
 - viii. “Because ye have known the Father” (2:13)
 - ix. “Because ye have known him that is from the beginning” (2:14)
 - x. “Because ye are strong” (2:14)
 - xi. “Because the word of God abideth in you” (2:14)
 - xii. “Because ye have overcome the wicked one” (2:14)
 - xiii. “Because ye know the truth” (2:21)
 - xiv. “Because ye know that no lie is of the truth” (2:21)
 - xv. “Concerning them that seduce you” (2:26)
 - xvi. “That ye may know that ye have eternal life” (5:13)
 - xvii. “That ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (5:13)
- B. The Advocate (1)
 - a. The Circumstantial Will of God: “And if any man sin” (●)
 - b. The Christ/The Advocate
 - i. “We have an Advocate with the Father”
 - ii. “Jesus Christ the righteous”
 - c. The Court Scene
 - i. The Adjudicator
 - ii. The Accused
 - iii. The Accuser (Rev. 12:10)
 - iv. The Advocate
- C. The Atonement (2)
 - a. The Propitiation: “He is the propitiation for our sins”
 - b. The People:
 - i. “And not for ours only”
 - ii. “But for the sins of the whole world”

THE COMMANDMENTS (3-11)

- A. The Themes of Fellowship
 - a. Commandments/Word
 - i. The Passages
 - 1. Commandments (10 verses – 14 usages)
 - 2. Word (7 verses – 7 usages)
 - ii. The Point: Keep the Commandments

- b. Know/Not Know
 - i. The Passages (28 verses – 32 usages)
 - ii. The Point: Know God
 - c. Truth/Lies
 - i. The Passages
 - 1. True/Truth (11 verses – 15 usages)
 - 2. Lie/Liar (8 verses – 8 usages)
 - ii. The Point: Know Truth
 - d. Love/Hate
 - i. The Passages
 - 1. Love/Loveth (31 verses – 42 usages)
 - 2. Hate/Hateth (5 verses – 5 usages)
 - ii. The Point: Dwell in Love
 - e. Walk/Stumble
 - i. The Passages
 - 1. Walk/Walked/Walketh (5 verses – 5 usages)
 - 2. Stumbling (1 verse – 1 usage)
 - ii. The Point: Walk as He Walked
 - f. Light/Darkness
 - i. The Passages
 - 1. Light (5 verses – 6 usages)
 - 2. Darkness (5 verses – 7 usages)
 - ii. The Point: Abide in Light
- B. The Tests of Fellowship
- a. Keep the Commandments
 - b. Know God
 - c. Know the Truth
 - d. Dwell in Love
 - e. Walk as He Walked
 - f. Abide in Light
- C. The Text (3-11)
- a. “And hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his commandments” (3) [Know God = Keep Commandments].
 - b. “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (4) [Know God = Keep Commandments = Know Truth].
 - c. “But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him” (5) [Keep Word = Dwell in Love = Know God].
 - d. “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (6) [Abide in Light = Walk as He Walked].
 - e. “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” (7) [Commandment = Word].

- f. "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" (8) [Keep Commandment = Know Truth = Abide in Light].
- g. "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now" (9) Abide in Light = Dwell in Love].
- h. "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him" (10) [Dwell in Love = Abide in Light = Walk as He Walked].
- i. "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" (11) [Dwell in Love = Abide in Light = Walk as He Walked = Know God = Know Truth = Keep Commandments].

THE CLASSES/CATEGORIES (12-14)

- A. The People
 - a. "Little Children"
 - b. "Young Men"
 - c. "Fathers"
- B. The Purposes: "I write unto you"
 - a. Little Children
 - i. "Because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake"
 - ii. "Because ye have know the Father"
 - b. Young Men
 - i. "Because ye have overcome the wicked one"
 - ii. "Because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one"
 - c. Fathers
 - i. "Because ye have know him that is from the beginning"
 - ii. "Because ye have know him that is from the beginning"

THE COSMOS/WORLD (15-17)

- A. The Precept (Dwell in Love)
 - a. Love Perfected
 - b. Love Father/God
 - c. Love One Another/Brethren/Children of God
 - d. Love in Word/Deed/Truth
- B. The Prohibition:
 - a. "Love not the world"
 - b. "neither the things *that are* in the world"
- C. The Problem
 - a. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him"
 - b. "For all that *is* in the world... is not of the Father, but is of the world"
 - i. "the lust of the flesh"
 - ii. "the lust of the eyes"
 - iii. "the pride of life"
- D. The Passing
 - a. "And the world passeth away"
 - b. "and the lust thereof" passeth away

- E. The Permanent: “but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever”
- THE ANTI-CHRISTS (18-27)
- A. The Season: (18) The Last Time
 - a. “Little children, it is the last time”
 - b. “whereby we know that it is the last time”
 - B. The Seducers (26): The Anti-Christis
 - a. Their Appearance (18)
 - i. “Ye have heard that antichrist shall come”
 - ii. “Even now are there many antichrists”
 - b. Their Apostasy (19)
 - i. Their Desertion (19)
 - 1. “They went out from us”
 - a. “but they were not of us”
 - b. “for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us”
 - 2. “*they went out*”
 - a. “that they might be made manifest”
 - b. “that they were not all of us”
 - ii. Their Description (22)
 - 1. “Who is a liar”
 - 2. “He is antichrist”
 - iii. Their Doctrine (22)
 - 1. “he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ”
 - 2. “He...denieth the Father and the Son”
 - iv. Their Downfall (23)
 - 1. “Whosoever denieth the Son”
 - 2. “the same hath not the Father”
 - C. The Saints (23)
 - a. “*(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son*”
 - b. “*hath the Father also*”
 - D. The Spirit (20, 27)
 - a. The Anointing
 - i. “But ye have an unction”
 - ii. “But the anointing”
 - b. The Administrator
 - i. “from the Holy One”
 - ii. “which ye have received of him”
 - c. The Advantage
 - i. “ye know all things”
 - ii. “ye need not that any man teach you”
 - iii. “the same anointing teacheth you”
 - 1. “of all things”
 - 2. “and is truth”
 - 3. “and is no lie”
 - iv. “even as it hath taught you”
 - d. The Abiding

- i. The anointing “abideth in you”
 - ii. “ye shall abide in him”
 - E. The Scriptures (21, 26)
 - a. “I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth”
 - i. “but because ye know it”
 - ii. “and that no lie is of the truth”
 - b. “These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you”
 - F. The Son/Scriptures (24)
 - a. “Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning”
 - b. “If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you”
 - c. Then “ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father”
 - G. The Salvation (25)
 - a. “And this is the promise that he hath promised us”
 - b. “*even* eternal life”
- THE CONFIDENCE (28-29)
- A. The Command: “And now, little children, abide in him”
 - B. The Coming of the Christ
 - a. “that, when he shall appear”
 - b. that we shall appear “before him at his coming”
 - C. The Confidence:
 - a. “we may have confidence”
 - b. “and not be ashamed”
 - c. “If ye know that he is righteous”
 - d. Then “ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him”
 - i. Righteous/Righteousness
 - ii. 7 Passages/8 Usages