

The First General Epistle of John

1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we looked at and our hands touched concerning the Word of life ²(and the life was revealed, and we have seen, and testify, and proclaim to you the life *in the Age*, which was with the Father and was revealed to us), ³that which we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things in order that our joy may be made full.

⁵And this is the message that we have heard from him and declare to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him but continue to walk in the darkness, we are lying, and are not *living* the truth. ⁷But if we continue to walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son continues to cleanse us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all

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

2 My little children, I write these things to you in order that you will not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

³And by this we know that we have come to know him: if we keep his commandments. ⁴He who says, "I have come to know him," and does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps his word, truly in this person the love of God has been perfected. We know that we are in him by this: ⁶the one who says he abides in him is obligated also himself to walk as he walked.

⁷Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you heard. ⁸At the same time, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shines. ⁹He who says he is in the light and *yet* hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there

is no stumblingblock in him. ¹¹But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he goes, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹²I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. ¹³I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I have written to you, little children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵Do not love the world, or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and pride in possessions, is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and its lusts, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

¹⁸Children, it is the last hour, and as you heard that an antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen. From this we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹They went out

from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us, but *they went out*, with the result that it was revealed that none of them are of us. ²⁰And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

²¹I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²²Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise that he promised us, *life in the Age*.

²⁶I have written these things to you concerning those who would lead you astray. ²⁷And as for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you do not need that any one teach you, but as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and even as it taught you, abide in him.

²⁸And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹If you know that he is

righteous, you also know that everyone who does righteousness has been born of him.

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and *that is what* we are! The reason the world does not know us *is* that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are children of God now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when it is revealed we will be like him, because we will see him just as he is. ³And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, even as that One is pure.

⁴Everyone continuing in sin is also committing lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning. Whoever continues sinning has not seen him, nor known him.

⁷Little children, let no one lead you astray. He who continues in righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. ⁸Whoever continues sinning is of the Slanderer, for the Slanderer has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose: to destroy the works of the Slanderer. ⁹No one born of God continues sinning because his seed remains in him, and he is not able to continue to sin because he has been born of God.

¹⁰The children of God and the children of the Slanderer are revealed in this way: everyone not continuing in righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that you heard from the beginning: that we should love one another, ¹²not as Cain, *who* was of the wicked one and slaughtered his brother. And why did he slaughter him? Because his works were wicked, and his brother's *were* righteous.

¹³Do not be amazed, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love *the brothers* abides in death.

¹⁵Whoever keeps on hating his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has life *in the Age to come* abiding in him.

¹⁶We know love by this, because he laid down his life for us, and we are obligated to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue, but in deed and truth. ¹⁹By this we will know that we are of the truth, and will assure our hearts before him, ²⁰that if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows

all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God, ²²and whatever we keep asking *for* we keep receiving from him because we continuously keep his commandments and keep doing the things that are pleasing before him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and keep loving one another, even as he gave us *the* commandment. ²⁴And the one who keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, from the spirit that he gave to us.

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the spirit from God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God, and this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world. ⁵They are of the world, therefore they speak from the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We are of God. He who knows God hears us, *and* he who is

not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another since love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹By this the love of God was revealed among us: that God has sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son *to be* the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God loved us in this way, we also are obligated to love one another.

¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love has been perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his spirit.

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

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

¹⁶And we have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who is abiding in love abides in God, and God abides in him; ¹⁷by this, love is brought to its goal with us, that we may have confidence in the Day of Judgment, because just as he is even so are we, *although still* in this

world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love, because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and *yet* hates his brother, he is a liar, for whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen, is not able to love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And we have this commandment from him, whoever loves God must love his brother also.

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone loving the one who gave birth also loves the one who has been born of him. ²By this we know that we are loving the children of God, when we are loving God and doing his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵And who is the one who is overcoming the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. ⁷For there are three testifying: ⁸the spirit, and the water, and the blood, and the three are in

agreement. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has testified concerning his Son. ¹⁰He who believes on the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has testified concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: that God gave to us life *in the Age to come*, and this life is in his Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I have written these things to you who believe on the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have life *in the Age*. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

¹⁶If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not resulting in death, he will ask *God*, and he will give him life for those who commit sins not resulting in death. There is a sin resulting in death; I do not say that he should ask concerning this. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not resulting in death.

¹⁸We know that everyone who has been born of God does not continue sinning, but he who was

born of God keeps him, and the Wicked One does not touch him.

¹⁹We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of* the Wicked One. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, that we may know the True One, and we are in the True One, by means of his Son Jesus Christ. This one is the true God, and life *in the Age to come*.

²¹Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

The Second General Epistle of John

1 The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not I only, but also all those who have come to know the truth, ²because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us for ever: ³Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with us, in truth and love, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father.

⁴I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, just as we received a commandment *to do* from the Father. ⁵And now I ask you, lady, not as though *I were* writing you a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. ⁶And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸Watch yourselves, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may receive a full reward.

⁹Everyone going on ahead and not remaining in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. The one who

remains in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you, and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not say a greeting to him, ¹¹for he who says to him, "Greetings," participates in his evil works.

¹²Having many things to write to you, I did not want to *write them* with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you and to speak face to face so that our joy may be made full. ¹³The children of your chosen sister greet you.

The Third Epistle of John

1 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

²Beloved, I pray that all goes well with you and you are in *good* health, just as it is well with your soul. ³For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came and testified about you *being in the truth*, even as you are walking in truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than this, that I hear my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Beloved, you do a faithful *thing* whenever you *do a* work for the brothers, especially *when they are* strangers. ⁶They have testified of your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. ⁷They went out on behalf of “The Name,” receiving nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore we have an obligation to support such men, that we may be fellow-workers with the truth.

⁹I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept us. ¹⁰Therefore, if I come, I will remind *them* of his deeds that he does, falsely accusing us with malicious words. And not content with that, neither does he receive the brothers himself, and he prevents those desiring *to do so* and casts *them* out of the church.

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. The one who does good is of God, the one who does evil has not seen God. ¹²Demetrius has been testified *favorably* about by everyone, and by the truth itself, and we also testify *for him*, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³I have many things to write to you, but I do not want to write *them* to you with ink and pen, ¹⁴instead I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. ¹⁵Peace *be* to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

