



First Epistle of John (Lesson # 39)

1 Jn 5:18-21 Confidence & Certainties of Believers pt 3

1st John has 5 chapters

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Our Relationship to God parts 1 & 2

*1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him.

²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. [believe on Him Who God sent, & Love as He Loves]

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world -- our faith. [“the faith of us”]

⁵And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? [Jesus, God’s Son is the One we trust]



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The Testimony of the Spirit parts 1 & 2

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. ⁷And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁸For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

⁹ If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that He has borne witness concerning His Son. ¹⁰ The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son. ¹¹ And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.



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Confidence & Certainties of Believers parts 1 & 2

*¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not *leading* to death, he shall ask and *God* will for him give life to those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. ¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death.



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Confidence & Certainties of Believers part 3

*¹⁸ We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.

¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one.

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Little children, guard yourselves from idols.



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*18 **We know that no one who is born of God sins;** but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.

18 **Οἶδαμεν** [v ind perf act 1p pl οἶδα] **We inwardly know**, perfected knowledge
ὅτι [conj ὅτι] **that**, because, for
πᾶς [adj indef nom masc sing πᾶς] **any man**, inclusive & personal but indefinite
ὁ [def art nom masc sing ὁ] **who** ie:*new in kind man is of God's nature*
γεγεννημένος [part perf pass nom masc sing γεννάω] **has been born** perfected birth
ἐκ [prep ἐκ] **out from**, out of
τοῦ θεοῦ [art+n gen masc sing θεός] **the God**, *subjective* or objective
οὐχ [disj part οὐ] **not**, no with ind is reality
ἀμαρτάνει [v ind pres act 3p sing ἀμαρτάνω] is sinning or **sins** indicative mood of reality

** **My literal translation**

We inwardly know that any man who has been born out from the God does not sin,



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*¹⁸ We know that no one who is born of God sins; **but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.**

ἀλλ' [conj coord ἀλλά] **but**, except, however, yet Note: Contrast here

ὁ [def art nom masc sing ὁ] **he who** ie **new in kind man is of God's nature**

γεννηθεῖς [part aor pass nom masc sing γεννάω] **has been born** factual emphasis

ἐκ [prep ἐκ] **out from**, out of

τοῦ θεοῦ [art+n gen masc sing θεός] **the God**, **subjective** or objective

τηρεῖ [v ind pres act 3p sing τηρέω] **is keeping**, guarding, preserving His work

Note: “born of God” man guards himself, so only God's work is done in & thru himself

ἑαυτόν, [pro reflex acc masc sing ἑαυτοῦ] **himself** accusative - the object of the action

Note: this is REFLEXIVE pronoun “himself” NOT PERSONAL pronoun “him”

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

ὁ πονηρὸς [def art+adj nom masc sing πονηρός] **the evil one**, wicked, malicious

οὐχ [adv negation οὐ] no, **not**

ἅπτεται [v ind pres mid 3p sing ἅπτω] **is touching**, handle, take hold of

αὐτοῦ. [pro pers gen masc sing αὐτός] **him**, subjective or **objective**

**** My literal translation**

We inwardly know that any man who has been born out from the God does not sin, but he who has been born out from the God is keeping himself and the evil one is not touching him.



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*¹⁹ **We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of the evil one.***

¹⁹ Οἶδαμεν [v ind perf act 1p pl οἶδα] **We inwardly know**, perfected knowledge

ὅτι [conj ὅτι] **that**, because, for

ἐκ [prep ἐκ] **out from**, out of

τοῦ θεοῦ [art+n gen masc sing θεός] **the God**, **subjective** or objective

ἐσμέν, [v ind pres act 1p pl εἶμι] **we are being** ie:*new in kind man is of God's nature*

Note: this is the perfected birth out from God so we now exist as children in His family

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

ὁ κόσμος [art+n nom masc sing κόσμος] **the world**, the world of man's organized chaos

ὅλος [adj nom masc sing ὅλος] **whole**, entire, all

ἐν [prep ἐν] locative **in**, within, instrumental by, through, with, because of

τῷ πονηρῷ [art+adj dat masc sing πονηρός] **the evil one**, wicked, malicious

κεῖται. [v ind pres mid/pass dep 3p sing κεῖμαι] **is held**, lying under or sleeping in the evil one

Note: this is the fallen birth out from fallen man so man now exists as held down by Satan

**** My literal translation**

We inwardly know that out from the God we are being, and the whole world, in the evil one, is held.



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*20 **And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding,** in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

20 Οἶδαμεν [v ind perf act 1p pl οἶδα] **We inwardly know**, perfected knowledge

δὲ [conj δέ] **but**, of contrast

ὅτι [conj ὅτι] **that**, because, for

ὁ υἱὸς [art+n nom masc sing υἱός] **the Son**, refers to our lord Jesus

τοῦ θεοῦ [art+n gen masc sing θεός] **of the God**, **subjective** or objective

ἦκει, [v ind pres act 3p sing ἦκω] He has come, **has come**, has arrived

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

δέδωκεν [v ind perf act 3p sing δίδωμι] **He has given**, perfected action mood

ἡμῖν [pro pers dat pl ἐγώ] **to us**, personally

διάνοιαν [n acc fem sing διάνοια] **understanding**, comprehension that is correct, thorough

**** My literal translation**

But, we inwardly know that the Son of the God has come and He has given to us understanding,



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*²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, **in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.** This is the true God and eternal life.

ἵνα [conj ἵνα] **in order that**, so that; used to introduce a purpose or cause
γινώσκωμεν [v subj pres act 1p pl γινώσκω] **we may be knowing**, by experience
τὸν ἀληθινόν [art+adj acc masc sing ἀληθινός] **the one who is true**, the true one, who is reality
Note: this is conditional now, we may be knowing by interacting with Him Who created us, intimately & harmoniously, experiencing His very essence, life, light, love, and Joy

καί [conj,καί] **and**, also, even

ἐσμὲν [v ind pres act 1p pl εἶμι] **we are being** indicative mood of reality

ἐν [prep ἐν] locative **in**, within, instrumental by, through, with, because of

τῷ ἀληθινῷ, [art+adj dat masc sing ἀληθινός] **the One Who is true**, the true one, who is reality

Note: this is reality, we are really right now and forever positionally in Him Who is reality

ἐν [prep ἐν] locative **in**, within, instrumental by, through, with, because of

τῷ υἱῷ [art+n dat masc sing υἱός] **the Son**,

αὐτοῦ [pro pers gen masc sing αὐτός] **of Him**, His **subjective** or objective

Ἰησοῦ χριστῷ. [n dat masc sing Ἰησοῦς Χριστός] **Jesus Christ**

**** My literal translation**

in order that we may be knowing the one who is true, and we are being in the One Who is true, in the Son of Him, Jesus Christ.



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Οὗτός [pro demon nom masc sing οὗτος] **This One Man**, this particular one
ἐστιν [v ind pres act 3p sing εἰμί] **is being** existing, being God's Son, Jesus Christ
ὁ ἀληθινὸς [art+adj nom masc sing ἀληθινός] **the One Who is true**, the true one, who is reality
θεός, [n nom masc sing θεός] **God**, absolute Diety

Note: Jesus Christ is both the one and only perfect Man and real Diety.

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

ζωὴ [n nom fem sing ζωή] **life**, God's life which is the light of man per John 1,
αἰώνιος. [adj nom fem sing αἰώνιος] God without beginning or end, **eternal**

Note: Jesus Christ is God's life which is unlimited by time. In context, we in His family, by His Grace, have His Life, revealing to us and to all around us, His perfection & joy.

**** My literal translation**

But, we inwardly know that the Son of the God has come and He has given to us understanding, in order that we may be knowing the one who is true, and we are being in the one who is true in the Son of Him, Jesus Christ. This One Man is being the One Who is true God and life eternal.



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*21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

21 **Τεκνία**, [n voc neut pl **τεκνίον**] **Children!** Born ones

φυλάξατε [v imperative aor act 2p pl **φυλάσσω**] activity of a watchman, **guard**, protect, watch over. **This is a command** to be obeyed for our good, it is from God thru John

ἑαυτὰ [pro reflex acc neut pl **ἑαυτοῦ**] **yourselves**,

Note: this is reflexive, action focus is self, this includes us as members of God's family

ἀπὸ [prep **ἀπό**] **from**, used with genitive, the basic meanings separation off, motion away from

τῶν εἰδώλων. [def art+n gen neut pl **εἶδωλον**] **the idols**, form, copy, figure, false gods

Note: the idols here are anything we value & trust more than God, or instead of God.

Ἀμήν. [indeclinable form], transliterated from the Hebrew *amen*; usually translated into Greek by *γένοιτο* (*let it be so, truly*) This “Amen” is not in the older Greek texts

**** My literal translation**

Children! Guard yourselves from the idols.

God's concluding address to us is a summation of all He has told us previously in this book of 1 John. God's command is to stand guard over ourselves, His new in kind family. To hold the shield of faith in our creator, and enjoy His life while He reveals His life of light and love to us and through us.

Revealed how? By His witness inside us! Look again at 1 Jn 5:6-12, God's witness is absolute truth, trust in Jesus Christ our God and Savior, Him alone!



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***** ¹⁸ We know absolutely that everyone who has been born out of God and as a result is a regenerated individual, does not keep on habitually sinning. But He who was born out of God maintains a watchful guardianship over him, and the Pernicious One does not lay hold of him. ¹⁹ We know with an absolute knowledge that out of God we are, and the whole world in the Pernicious One is lying. ²⁰ We know with an absolute knowledge that the Son of God has come and is here, and that He has given us a permanent understanding in order that we may be knowing in an experiential way the One who is genuine. And we are in the Genuine One, in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the genuine God and life eternal.**

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Observations in 1 John about 4 verses with “our confidence” παρησία

- *1 Jn 2:28 “And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.
- 1 Jn 3:21 “Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;”
- 1 Jn 4:17 “By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world”
- 1 Jn 5:14-15 “And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”



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Observations in 1 John of 14 verses with “our certainties” οἶδα & γινώσκω

- *1 Jn 2:11 “...one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going...”
- 1 Jn 2:20 “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.”
- 1 Jn 2:21 “I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, ...”
- 1 Jn 2:29 “If you know that He is righteous, you know(γινώσκω) that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.”
- 1 Jn 3:2 “...We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, ...”
- 1 Jn 3:5 “and you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; ...”
- 1 Jn 3:14 “We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death”
- 1 Jn 3:15 “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”
- 1 Jn 4:7 “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows(γινώσκω) God.”



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- 1 Jn 5:15 “And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”
- ** 1 Jn 5:18 “We inwardly know that any man who has been born out from the God does not sin, but he who has been born out from the God is keeping himself and the evil one is not touching him. (see also 3:6 & 9 - ones abiding in Him and born out from Him do not sin. Notice, 3 times God tells us that our new nature does not sin)
- 1 Jn 5:19 “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one.”
- 1 Jn 5:20 “And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know(γινώσκω) Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”

(7 times “we” is used with perfect of οἶδα, perfected knowledge)

(The “we” use tells us John is including himself here)



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Observations in 1 John about being “born of God” lit: “born out from the God”

- *1 Jn 2:29 “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.”
- 1 Jn 3:9 “No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”
- 1 Jn 4:7 “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows(γινώσκω) God.”
- 1 Jn 5:1 “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him.”
- 1 Jn 5:4 “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.”
- ** 1 Jn 5:18 “We inwardly know that any man who has been born out from the God does not sin, but he who has been born out from the God is keeping himself and the evil one is not touching him.”



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Observations in 1 John about 10 verses about “life” ζωή

- 1 Jn 1:1, 2
- 1 Jn 2:25
- 1 Jn 3: 14, 15
- 1 Jn 5:11, 12, 13, 16, 20

Observations in 1 John about 5 verses about “light” φῶς

- 1 Jn 1:5, 7
- 1 Jn 2:8, 9, 10

Observations in 1 John about 17 verses about “love” ἀγάπη

- 1 Jn 2:10, 15
- 1 Jn 3:10, 1, 14, 18, 23
- 1 Jn 4:7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21
- 1 Jn 5:1, 5:2

A bit of homework here:

check out the verses above to see how God’s **life**, **light** and **love** are revealed.