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So far John in writing these letters has told us:

Chapter 1

- The Word of Life is in Jesus Christ
- Jesus is the light unto the world, and we need to walk in that light

Chapter 2

- Jesus is our Advocate before the Lord God the Father
- John tells us of a New Commandment but it is not new but from the beginning; Love thy neighbor, Love your brothers and sisters in the Lord
- Do not love the world
- Beware of the Anti-Christ and the spirit of Anti-Christ that is already in the world
- Continue in Christ above all else

Chapter 3

- We are the children of God
- Love one another

1 John 4

John is going to give us a plan on how to know if someone is a True Believer or not. The problem is that over the centuries charlatans have started many cults that appear to be somehow connected to Christ. I will say this again, no church on earth; is

what Jesus started, is heavenly centered and God ordered. All churches on earth are man-made. Some have worked diligently to walk in the light of Christ, many if not most have failed, and some are outright frauds. If you contest what I am saying read the first three chapters of Revelation and see what God says to these churches that likely started out in proper perspective of the Church that Christ authored but fell into the grasp of the world, men, and Satan.

Testing the Spirits

1Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

God is warning us through John not to believe every spirit period. We are to “test” the spirits whether they are of God.

This word “test” in Greek according to Strong’s Concordance is pronounced “dokimazó” and means to analyze before it is approved likely where we get our word “document” from.

In order to “analyze” something it needs to be questioned and probed to find its source and authenticate its purpose in-light of God’s Word. If it goes beyond God’s Word or requires some other writing or documentation outside of God’s Word, then be very

suspicious of it or reject it outright. One such place to consider is the translations of God's Word that have flooded the Christian marketplace. Some are outright evil and should be apparent to any believer. Others are very subtle, changing the meaning of a word from its original text or even omitting entire texts to alter a point or provision.

God declares the reason for "testing is that many false prophets have gone into the world.

Again, according to Strong's Concordance:

"Transliteration: pseudoprophétés

Phonetic Spelling: (psyoo-dop-rof-ay'-tace)

Definition: a false prophet

Usage: a false prophet; one who in God's name teaches what is false."

There is the Word, and we know that the Word of God is Truth. How then can we as believers have such wide-ranging interpretations of what it says? We can't all be right. For example, as a statement of Faith; we are saved by the Blood of Christ and what He accomplished on the Cross. We are told in the Bible that it is by Faith in that work by Christ and who He is that saves us. The entire Salvation message is granted to us by God by His Grace and nothing else can save us but to believe in Him.

There are some that teach it is Christ plus “something else”. That “something else” ranges from; believing in Mary to believing that it is Jesus plus works and a whole lot of stuff men have decided needs to be included for anyone to be saved including Baptism.

John gives a simple formula to begin your testing of a spirit.

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

The declaration is that “every spirit that “confesseth” that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.” That pronouncement is clear and concise. The problem is that many false religions those who have added to the Word of Truth such as the Mormons will all confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. So, the problem with that false religion lies further beneath the surface. There are many so called “(c)hristian churches” that will make that surface confession and have the lie buried deep within the mountain of doctrine. The question then comes if those religions have a lie within their doctrine is their entire doctrine in question? I think it depends on several factors.

1. Does the falsehood within their doctrine effect the basics of Christianity IE “We are saved by the Blood of Christ through Faith that He is God’s One and Only Son, He was born in a

miraculous way by a virgin, that He died on the cross and three days later rose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of God?

2. Does the falsehood they believe diminish the person of who God or Jesus is and the power they have?
3. Does their falsehood deny the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?

There may be other factors, but these three basics cannot be denied or altered in any way if they are then it is a false religion in what Christ started and continues to Shepherd.

3And 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.

The antithesis of confessing Christ came in the flesh is denying that Truth. Those who do that are easily identified and, in our world, range from Allah to Buddha and every false religion in between including New Age and Environmentalism.

So where do many of the worlds mainline religions fall in this category of declaring that Jesus came in the flesh yet are clearly teaching something beyond God's Truth?

Catholics, Methodist, Episcopalians, Baptist, Pentecostals, the list goes on and on. Are there some of these that still walk in Truth? Quite likely there are individuals and on some occasions a local church leadership that falls under one of the denominations may walk in Truth, but it is not as common as we would hope.

4Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

When you studied the Authentic, the True Word of God you will be an overcomer. Simply because as you study the True Word of God without other writings declaring they have the more complete truth and that includes science then you will walk in the Truth of God. I would offer one caveat in studying God's Word and that is well established commentaries and Bible Dictionaries/Concordances, such as Strong's Concordance. To be able to correctly understand a word definition and meaning from the time it was written not necessarily from our current vernacular is very important. When God gave His Prophets words to write along with the intent and meaning we need to understand those from the time they were penned.

Because:

“.....because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

5They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

Back to the antithesis of those who walk in Truth are those who are of the world.

There are many mainline churches now that have rejected God's judgement on a sin that has become so prevalent that it now garners political protection of its practitioners. Homosexuality along with lying are both condemned by God. One has gotten political protection while the other has been used as a weapon against the Truth.

If we reject **God's judgement** on any sin and engage or promote that sin, then we will not be found innocent and are not of God's Kingdom.

Romans 1: 18For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

A point needed here is this is about any and all "men" and "women" not just believers. All men deep in their heart know the truth and if they handle it "in unrighteousness", then God's Wrath from Heaven will be revealed to them. Not good!

20For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that

are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: [21](#)Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. [22](#)Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, [23](#)And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

[24](#)Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: [25](#)Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

[26](#)For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: [27](#)And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

[28](#)And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; [29](#)Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, [30](#)Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, [31](#)Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: [32](#)Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Yet we see many mainline pastors promoting the ideal of not only accepting homosexuality that is called by God, Sodomy and those who practice it Sodomites, but promote same sex marriage as well in the church that they pastor.

Do these same pastors and congregants declare that;

Vs 2 “.....Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:”

They may well do that, so the challenge to anyone who is a believer, is the investigation into their deeper beliefs. Can you hold a false belief within or under the True belief? I would submit that you cannot. If part of the lump is leaven, then the whole loaf is leaven. Leaven being a type and shadow of sin. If part of what one believes is sinful then the entire belief is tainted, and a lie will be promoted.

6We 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.

This declaration is pretty simple, if you can't hear this then you are not able to hear God. That may seem harsh but better to be harsh when it comes to lies and distortions than to allow another human to continue in their sin and die. The entire “political correctness” and “cancel culture” is simply another satanic means

to keep the Body of Christ the True Church filled with believes in silence or ineffectiveness.

Love Comes from God

7Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Just like life itself, Love is a creation of God to benefit humans. If you watch a child early on you will normally not see Love but rather a self-centered demanding little person that must be taught Love. In our vernacular there are several types of love that come nowhere near to what real Godly True Love, Agape Love, that God has for us. Just like we must teach a young child even the aspects of “phileo” love.

This is from Got Qustions about Phileo Love as well as Agape.

“ Agape speaks of the most powerful, noblest type of love: sacrificial love. Agape love is more than a feeling—it is an act of the will. This is the love that God has for His people and that prompted the sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus, for our sins. Jesus was agape love personified. Christians are to love one another with agape love, as seen in Jesus’ [Parable of the Good Samaritan \(Luke 10:25-37\)](#).

Finally, we have phileo love. Philia refers to brotherly love and is most often exhibited in a close friendship. Best friends will display this generous and affectionate love for each other as each seeks

to make the other happy. The Scriptural account of David and Jonathan is an excellent illustration of phileo love: “After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. . . . And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself” ([1 Samuel 18:1-3](#)).

Since phileo love involves feelings of warmth and affection toward another person, we do not have phileo love toward our enemies. However, God commands us to have agape love toward everyone. This includes those whose personalities clash with ours, those who hurt us and treat us badly, and even those who are hostile toward our faith ([Luke 6:28](#); [Matthew 5:44](#)). In time, as we follow God’s example of agape love for our enemies, we may even begin to experience phileo love for some of them as we start to see them through God’s eyes.”

God’s Love is a benevolent Love that disconnects an emotional, desire filled passion with a Love that cares more about the persons eternal life than it does with the persons personal desires. It has in part what we have come to know as “tough love”. A Love that seeks the best long term outcome for the person in question over the short term of feeling good about a desire that the person may have.

[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. [10](#)Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

When we speak of the depth of Love that God has, He held nothing back in order to save us. The key idea here is that God loved us first before any of were born He loved us. He loved us before any of us gave a thought to the sacrifice His Son Jesus made for us. He loved us before we admitted we were sinners. He loved us before any of us even had a thought that we needed to be saved and were wallowing in sin heading to our eternal deaths. He Loved us and extended His Grace and Mercy to us at the moment we asked His Son into our lives.

God established the Law knowing full well the requirement that He had placed on Himself and His Son. But His Love for His creation of mankind was so deep He sacrificed what He Loved most for you and me. By doing that God set a pattern first within the Law He demonstrated how far short of His Glory all mankind was. He then required an innocent al-be-it an animal he required innocent blood to be spilled for the forgiveness of sin.

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for your souls upon the altar; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

This all pointed to the ultimate sacrifice, one which no other sacrifice could accomplish. The declaration by God is that it takes “blood that makes atonement for the soul”. The blood sacrifices of

millions of animals for the Nation of Israel over the years was only a temporary solution to sin, the blood of an innocent animal did not have the Godly Authority to completely cover and remove the sins of man. That would be require a singular Holy Sacrifice, something that would cost the Creator God dearly. God wrote the Law He knew what it meant and what it required, and Jesus was the innocent Savior of the World.

The outcome of the Sacrifice was twofold. Save mankind and show mankind the type of Love and Sacrifice that it takes to be Holy before a Loving God. God set the example of the depth of Love to function in His Kingdom to be perfected in us now as we walk out our Christian responsibility in this life.

11Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

15Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16And 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. 17Herein 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. 18There is no

fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

The idea that Love cancels out fear is foreign to most humans. However, to the believer the longer we walk in God's Love; the Love that He manifested in us by His living in us then we finally come to the conclusion that there is nothing that can separate us from our God.

Romans 8: [35](#)Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

[36](#)As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

[37](#)Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. [38](#)For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39](#)Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[19](#)We love him, because he first loved us. [20](#)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? [21](#)And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

John 17: [6](#)I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou

gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. [7](#)Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. [8](#)For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. [9](#)I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. [10](#)And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. [11](#)And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. [12](#)While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

[13](#)And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. [14](#)I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [15](#)I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. [16](#)They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [17](#)Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. [18](#)As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. [19](#)And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

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