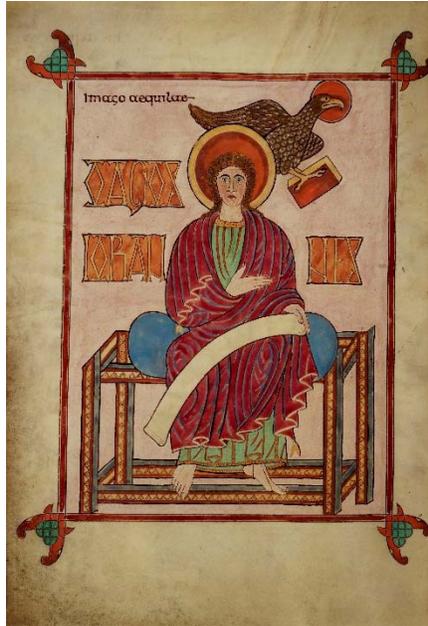


A Study in 1 John

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:13)



Review: Introduction and 1 John 1.1-4

1. Author: John, the son of Zebedee (once “son of thunder,” now a pastor and theologian)
2. Occasion and Purpose
 - a. False teaching and false brothers
 - b. **1 John 1:3-4** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
 - c. **1 John 2:1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
 - d. **1 John 5:13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 1.1-4: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1 John 1.5-10

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light,
and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.^A

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.^B

⁸ If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just^C
to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

^A **John 3:19-21** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God; **John 8:12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”; **John 8:31** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

^B Cf. Lev 16; Heb 7; **Numbers 6.22-26** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

^C **Romans 3:21-26** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

^D **Proverbs 28:13** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy

1 John 2.1-6

My little children, I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin,

we have an advocate with the Father,^E
Jesus Christ the righteous.

² He is the propitiation for our sins,^F
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.^G

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him,
if we keep his commandments.

⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar,
and the truth is not in him,

⁵ but whoever keeps his word,
in him truly the love of God is perfected.

By this we may know that we are in him:

⁶ whoever says he abides in him
ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.^H

^E **Romans 8:34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-- more than that, who was raised-- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **Hebrews 7:23-27** The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. (cf. Exodus 28; Leviticus 16.)

^F **Colossians 2:13-15** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

^G **Genesis 12:3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed; **1 Peter 2:8b** They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do; **John 10:11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

^H **Ephesians 5:1-2** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God; **John 13:1, 12-14** Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end ... ¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?” ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet; **1 Peter 2:20-21** For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.