

**KNOWING THE TRUE -  
REJECTING THE FALSE**

# Fathers

*13 I write to you, fathers,*

*Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.*

*14 I have written to you, fathers,*

*Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.*

# John 1:1-5

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*He was in the beginning with God.*

*All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

*In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

*And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

## Colossians 1:26-27

*... the mystery [secret or hidden truth] which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.*

*To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

## Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

# Opposition since the beginning

Darkness	Light
Satan's kingdom	God's kingdom
Sin	His righteousness
The Lie (separates us from God)	The Truth (Jesus reconnects us to God)
Fear and hate	The agape love of God
In Adam	In Christ
Bondage to sin	Freedom from sin

# Young men

*13 I write to you, young men,*

*Because you have overcome the wicked one.*

*14 I have written to you, young men,*

*Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in  
you,*

*And you have overcome the wicked one.*

# Little children

*12 I write to you, little children,*

*Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.*

*13 I write to you, little children,*

*Because you have known the Father.*



- Where do we stand with sin finally?
- What do we need to know, what is the truth so that we can believe it
- Abiding and commandments, how does it all fit in?  
Why is there an if?
- What is the love of God

## 1 John 1:1-4

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life ...*

*that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

*And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*

# 1 John 1:5-7

*This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

*But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

# 1 John 1:8-10

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

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

## 1 John 2:1-2

*My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

*And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

# 1 John 3:7-9

*Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.*

*He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

*Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.*

# 1 John 2:3-5

*Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.*

*He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

*But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*

## 1 John 2:7-8

*Brethren [Beloved], I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.*

*Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.*



# 1 John 2:9-11

*He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.*

*He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.*

*But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

# 1 John 3:10:12

*In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest ...  
For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should  
love one another,  
not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why  
did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's  
righteous.*

## Genesis 4:4-7

*Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord."*

*Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

*And in the process of time [at the end of days] it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord.*

*Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering,*

*but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.*

*So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"*

*If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*

## 1 John 3:24

*Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.*

# 1 John 4:4-6

*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

*They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.*

*We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

## 1 John 4:7-8

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

*He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

# 1 John 4:12,15-16

*No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.*

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

*And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*



## 1 John 4:17-19

*... that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*

*We love Him because He first loved us.*

# 1 John 5:3-5

*... And His commandments are not burdensome.*

*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.*

*Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

## 1 John 5:14-15

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

*And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

# 1 John 5:18-21

18 *We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.*

19 *We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.*

20 *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may 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, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.*