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13 I write to you, fathers, because you have come to know Him who is from the beginning / John is inspired to thoughtfully prepare the students to understand what started all this Good News. John was a **theist** = Greek for God, **theos**; not a deist -- latin for God, **deus**. Both believe the Creator exists; but **theists** believe God transcends natural law to interact with His creation in the same way that we read in passages of the Bible; deists do not.



The disciples were **theists**; they were not forfeiting their lives as a result of some fallacious childlike fantasy; but they were willing to die for what they heard with their own ears... and saw with their own eyes... as they walked with Jesus, the Messiah sent from God full of grace and truth.

Jesus gave them the keys to unlock the kingdom of God... the knowledge and lessons and correct thinking and good information they needed... giving them the ability to act and enter the kingdom... to reign in this life through the one Lord Jesus Christ; who said the night He was betrayed, If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you... My Father will love you... He will come to you... and He will send you another Advocate, the Spirit of God to guide you into all truth. **Either that statement is true, or it is not.**

I write to you young men, because you have conquered the evil one,

I write to you children, because you know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have come to know Him who was from the beginning / He was in the beginning, and came to His creation, full of grace and truth... not merely to 12 Jewish men; the beloved disciple John addresses 500 brothers and their families living around the Sea of Galilee where Jesus fed the 5000; near where 4000 more were fed; all in the neighborhood where John and James grew up; all of them were eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Jesus..

If Jesus sounded like most irritable, angry leaders and preachers reading their dull, uninspiring messages we hear now days; if He sounded like them, then what Jesus started long ago would have died in the first century.

I have written to you, young men,

because

[1] you are strong,

[2] and the word of God abides in you,

[3] and you have overcome the evil one / notice, their victory was not future: they were not singing: we **will** overcome. They have the upper hand; they grabbed **the word of God**, **they have overcome**; they have the victory.

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I write to you, **little children**, because you know the Father / wow! little children can know our Father in heaven. It's interesting to hear parents, who did not grow up in a family of faith... yet their little children educated in private schools of Christian faith, and their restless family atmosphere is upset, when the littlest sing: Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so!

¹⁵ **Do not love the world, nor the things that are in the world** / more than any other letter in the NT, 37 times this letter speaks of: **agape**. Jesus said, heaven and earth one day will pass away. When? We do not know... but no time soon, then He added, My words will never pass away. So, we can love His word. If one day it's all going to be replaced, then respect His creation, but don't get too attached to it. Notice, **He did not say we are to hate the world**,

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him / Jesus said: Love God our Father above anything else; and Love one another, look for ways to secure the wellbeing of those you meet in this broken world -- the good ones and the bad ones, you are headed to eternity. Take them with you.

¹⁶ **For all that is in the world,**

the desires of the flesh, and the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life is not from the Father, but is from the world / strong desires and unruly feelings; seductive and addictive emotions that attach to the thin veneer... that covers our mortal bodies... at the basest level, and hammer our souls, truth seekers are not going to be popular; those pursuing truth will always have targets on their back,.

¹⁷ **And the world with its strong desires is passing away;**

but he who does the will of God remains forever / and that is a long time; John says, the 2nd law of thermal dynamics -- entropy is still in place; so keep walking in the light of the Lord, and don't look back:

¹⁸ **Little children, it is the last hour** / John who lived longer than all the other disciples; has been telling the church: It started with Jesus Christ... the long-anticipated **Messiah** promised to come; who came from eternity; the Word of life who was with God who is light and in Him is no darkness at all. With them we have fellowship... as we walk in the light... and truth.

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Think about it, what Messiah did was complete the first 4 days on His calendar, no longer shadows of things to come ; and now they are looking to **the last days**: the **3 days still on the Lord's calendar**; they had no idea how much time would pass before the In-gathering of the Harvest would be fulfilled in Christ:

and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; by this we know it is the last hour / the last 3 days on the Lord's calendar. the one who is against Christ... or the one who thinks they can replace Christ... John is talking about a bunch of fools coming, who think they can substitute for Jesus Christ..

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¹⁹ **They went out from us, but they were not of us** / John and Paul agree: they came to check out those who were gathering... that vibrant church Jesus was building; they were wolves in sheep's clothing -- they look innocent, they sound innocent; but they are deceptive... they are rapacious killers;

for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have remained with us:

but they went out, that they made it clear, they were not of us.

²⁰ **But You have an anointing from the Holy One and you know all things** / used 3 times in this chapter = the work of Messiah; the presence of the Holy Spirit. John says, led by the Spirit of truth, He will teach you and bring all to remembrance...to discern between truth and error.

the word: **things** is not in the Greek. I freely admit, I don't know the number of people who live on earth; nor do I know how many monkeys are in the L.A. zoo. I don't know a lot of **things**; so, what is John saying?

You have the Spirit of truth, and you know all / in other words: **we know, all we need to know**, from this little letter, we know the truths to consider; and lessons the Lord taught; we know the Spirit of truth is present... to help us walk in the Light and not slip in darkness; to help us bypass deceivers who want us to stumble. John says, we know all we need to know to get us home so start walking in it.

²¹ **I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.**

²² **Who is a liar ? he who denies that Jesus is the Christ** the Messiah

he is antichrist, who denies the Father and the Son.

²³ **The one who denies the Son, that one does not have the Father: he who recognizes the Son has the Father also;** / because our fellowship is with THEM; if what you listen to does not turn your mind and heart to **Jesus the Christ** then change channels. Listen to those who direct you to **Jesus**, learn what He told His students. John Wycliffe said in the 1300s, Christ Jesus is a man's best Teacher.

²⁴ **So, what you heard from the beginning let it live in you.**

If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, then you also will remain in the Son, and in the Father / so, what did Jesus forget to tell us? nothing!

²⁵ **And this is the promise that He promised us, even eternal life** / respond to His words; get to know what Jesus said, and do it; none of it was shady, sneaky, or creepy; and we will be rewarded... beyond what we could ever imagine.

²⁶ **These things I wrote to you concerning those who deceive you.**

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²⁷ **But the anointing of the Spirit which you have received from of Him abides in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you** / and don't take this verse out of context; John just wrote to the young men: **because the Word of God abides in you**; the young people already knew what the Lord had taught; they were helping one another to remember these truths ... they were studying to show themselves approved to God, anchored, confidently walking in His word, not advancing in opinions and feelings:

but as the same anointing of His Spirit, teaches all of you, and is truth, and is no lie; even as He taught you, you abide in Him / the Lord Jesus, who the night He was betrayed said: I am the Vine, you are the branches; abide in Me, and let My words abide in you. When His words abide in us then: we will know the truth, and the truth will make us free... and keep us free.

²⁸ **Now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears we may have confidence, and not be ashamed in His presence at His coming** / Jesus said, we abide in Him, when His words abide in us; and Jesus Christ, the Messiah... will return some day, perhaps sooner than we can imagine; it will be His official coming, with power and great glory.

²⁹ **If you know that He is right,**

you know that everyone who does right is born of Him.

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