

The Old Paths Version

CONTAINING:

GALATIANS (1-4)

COLOSSIANS

FIRST JOHN

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THIRD JOHN

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Galatians

Chapter One

- ¹ Paul, an apostle (neither from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),
² and all the brethren with me, to the churches of Galatia.
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
⁵ to whom [be] the glory for ever and ever. Amen.
⁶ I am surprised that you are so quickly turning away from Him who called you in the grace of Christ to a different gospel,
⁷ which is not another [gospel], only there are some who are confusing you, and wanting to pervert the gospel of Christ.
⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach any gospel to you other than what we preached to you, let him be accursed.
⁹ And now, as we have said before, I am saying again: If anyone preaches any gospel to you other than what you received, let him be accursed.
¹⁰ For am I now seeking approval from men or from God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I would not be a slave of Christ.
¹¹ For I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel preached by me is not according to man.
¹² For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through revelation from Jesus Christ.
¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God exceedingly, and devastated it.
¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, being exceedingly zealous for my ancestral traditions.
¹⁵ But when He who set me apart from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, was pleased
¹⁶ to reveal His Son to me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, without delay, I did not consult with flesh and blood,
¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and I returned again to Damascus.
¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to make the acquaintance of Cephas, and I stayed with him fifteen days.

- ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.
- ²⁰ Now in the things I am writing to you, behold, before God, I am not lying.
- ²¹ Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
- ²² And I was unknown by face to the Judean churches in Christ.
- ²³ They had only been hearing: He who once persecuted us, is now preaching the faith he formerly devastated.
- ²⁴ And they were glorifying God in me.

Chapter Two

- ¹ Then again after fourteen years I went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, also taking Titus along.
- ² Now I went up by revelation and put before them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately before those who were esteemed, lest I should be running or had run in vain.
- ³ But Titus who was with me, a Greek, was not compelled to be circumcised.
- ⁴ Now [I went up] because of intruding false brethren, who came in secretly to spy out our liberty, which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might enslave us.
- ⁵ To them we did not yield subjection [even] for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.
- ⁶ But from those who were considered to be of standing (whatever they were does not matter to me, God does not accept a man's reputation) -- they, I say, who were esteemed, imparted nothing to me.
- ⁷ But to the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcision, as Peter [with the gospel] for the circumcision
- ⁸ (for He who was at work in Peter for the apostleship of the circumcision was at work in me also for the Gentiles)
- ⁹ and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were considered to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcision.
- ¹⁰ Only [they requested] that we should remember the poor, which very thing I was also eager to do.
- ¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.
- ¹² For before certain ones came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.
- ¹³ And the rest of the Jews were hypocritical with him, so that even Barnabas joined in their hypocrisy.

- ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not walking upright with regard to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all: If you, a Jew, are living like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to become Jewish?
- ¹⁵ We are Jews by birth, and not Gentile sinners.
- ¹⁶ Yet, because we know that man is not justified by works of law but through [the] faith of Jesus Christ, we also believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by Christian faith, and not by works of law, because by works of law no flesh will be justified.
- ¹⁷ Now, if we ourselves, while seeking to be justified in Christ, are also found to be sinners, is Christ a servant of sin? Certainly not.
- ¹⁸ But if I build up again the things I tore down, I make myself a transgressor.
- ¹⁹ As for me: through law I died to law, that I might live for God.
- ²⁰ With Christ I have been crucified. I live no more, but Christ lives in me. And that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, that of the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up on my behalf.
- ²¹ I am not going to set aside the grace of God. For if righteousness comes through law, then Christ died for nothing.

Chapter Three

- ¹ O foolish Galatians, who has beguiled you not to rely on the truth? You, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified!
- ² This alone I want to know from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of law, or by a message of faith?
- ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now finishing in the flesh?
- ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain? If it really was in vain.
- ⁵ He therefore who supplies the Spirit to you, and who accomplishes mighty things among you, [does He do it] by works of law or by a message of faith?
- ⁶ Just like Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness,
- ⁷ likewise you know that people of faith are sons of Abraham.
- ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations by faith, pre-announced the gospel to Abraham: In you all nations will be blessed.
- ⁹ So then the people of faith are blessed with Abraham the faithful.
- ¹⁰ For all who depend on works of law are under a curse. For it is written that everyone is cursed who does not remain within all things that are written in the book of the law by doing them.
- ¹¹ Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by law, because the righteous shall live by faith.

- ¹² The law, however, does not depend on faith, but: he who does them will live by them.
- ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, becoming a curse on our behalf (for it is written: Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree),
- ¹⁴ so the blessing of Abraham might be for the nations in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- ¹⁵ Brethren, humanly speaking, even the ratified testament of a man cannot be annulled or supplemented by anyone.
- ¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It does not say: And to [his] seeds, as though [speaking] to many, but as though [speaking] to one: And to your seed, who is Christ.
- ¹⁷ Now this [is what] I am saying: A testament previously ratified by God is not annulled by the law (which came four hundred and thirty years later) so as to make the promise void.
- ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on law, it no longer depends on a promise. But God had graciously given it to Abraham by means of a promise.
- ¹⁹ Why then the law? With regard to transgressions, it was added until the seed should come to whom the promise was made, being decreed by angels [and placed] in the hand of a mediator.
- ²⁰ But of one he is not the mediator. But God is one.
- ²¹ Is law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law was given, capable of making alive, indeed righteousness would have resulted from law.
- ²² But the Scripture placed everything in confinement under sin that by [the] faith of Jesus Christ the promise might be given to those who believe.
- ²³ But before the faith came, we were being guarded under law, held in confinement for the faith which would later be revealed.
- ²⁴ Thus, the law has been our custodian [to bring us] to Christ so we might be justified by faith.
- ²⁵ But since the faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.
- ²⁶ Because -- through the faith -- you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus.
- ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, nor is there male and female, because you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.

Chapter Four

- ¹ This also I say: As long as the heir is an underage child, he does not differ from a slave though he is lord of all.
- ² But he is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed by the father.

- ³ So we also, when we were underage children, were enslaved by the principles of the world.
- ⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under law,
- ⁵ that He might redeem those who were under law, that we might receive the sonship.
- ⁶ And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
- ⁷ So that you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, also an heir through God.
- ⁸ But when you did not know God, you were slaves to those [gods] who by nature are not gods.
- ⁹ But now that you know God, or rather, are known by God, how is it that you are reverting to these weak and destitute principles to which you want to be enslaved once more?
- ¹⁰ You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years.
- ¹¹ I am concerned about you for fear that I have labored among you in vain.
- ¹² I plead with you, brethren: Be as I [am], since I [am] also as you [are]. You did not discriminate against me at all.
- ¹³ You know that I first preached the gospel to you because of an infirmity of the flesh.
- ¹⁴ And for you, the affliction in my flesh was not something you despised or rejected, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁵ Where then is that satisfaction of yours? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.
- ¹⁶ So then, have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?
- ¹⁷ They are zealous for you, but for nothing good. They want to set you apart, so you may be zealous for them.
- ¹⁸ Now it is good for zeal to be shown at all times in that which is good, and not only when I am present with you,
- ¹⁹ my little children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you.
- ²⁰ I wish I could be present with you right now, and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.
- ²¹ Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law?
- ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave girl and one by the freewoman.
- ²³ Now the [son] by the slave girl was born according to the flesh, but the [son] by the freewoman was [born] through promise.
- ²⁴ These things contain an allegory, for these [women] are two covenants. One, from mount Sinai, brings forth children for slavery, which is Hagar.
- ²⁵ Now Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds with the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.
- ²⁶ But Jerusalem above is free. She is our mother.
- ²⁷ For it is written: Rejoice, o barren one who does not give birth; Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor; For many are the children of the lonely, more than of her who has the husband.

²⁸ And you, brethren, are children of promise like Isaac.

²⁹ But as it was then, that the one born according to the flesh persecuted the one [born] according to the Spirit, so it also is now.

³⁰ But what does the scripture say? Send away the slave girl and her son, for the son of the slave girl shall not inherit with the son of the freewoman.

³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of a slave girl, but of the freewoman.

Colossians

Chapter One

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- ³ We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying for you always,
⁴ having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have for all the saints,
⁵ because of the hope that is laid up for you in heaven, which you heard about beforehand in the word of the truth of the gospel,
⁶ which has come to you; just as it is also bearing fruit and increasing in all the world, as *it does* in you also, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;
⁷ as you learned from Epaphras our beloved fellow-slave, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,
⁸ who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.
- ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard, we also do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
¹⁰ to walk in a way worthy of the Lord, pleasing *Him* in everything, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all endurance and patience with joy
¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has prepared us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light,
¹³ who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
¹⁶ For in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created by Him and for Him;

- ¹⁷ and He is before all things, and everything has its existence in Him.
- ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence.
- ¹⁹ For in Him the Whole Fullness was pleased to dwell,
- ²⁰ and to reconcile all things to Himself through Him, having made peace through the blood of His cross; *yes* through Him, whether things on earth, or things in heaven.
- ²¹ And you, who formerly had been alienated and were hostile in mind through your evil works,
- ²² He has now reconciled in His body of flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and irreproachable before Him,
- ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which is preached in all creation under heaven, of which I Paul was made a minister.
- ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up what is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church,
- ²⁵ of which I was made a minister, according to the stewardship of God that was given me on your behalf, to fulfill the word of God.
- ²⁶ *This is* the mystery that has been hidden for ages and generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.
- ²⁷ To them God wanted to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- ²⁸ Him we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ;
- ²⁹ for which I also labor, striving according to the working of Him who is mightily at work within me.

Chapter Two

- ¹ For I want you to know what a deep concern I have for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not seen my face in the flesh,
- ² that their hearts may be comforted, being united in love and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto full knowledge of the mystery of God, of Christ,

- ³ in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.
- ⁴ I say this so no one may deceive you with sophisms.
- ⁵ For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and observing your orderliness, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.
- ⁶ Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,
- ⁷ having been rooted, and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith, as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- ⁸ See to it that no one carries you away as *his* prey through philosophy and vain deceit, in agreement with the tradition of men, in agreement with the principles of the world, and not in agreement with Christ.
- ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
- ¹⁰ and you have been made complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.
- ¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not done with hands, *but* in putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,
- ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven all our trespasses,
- ¹⁴ having blotted out the document against us in ordinances, which was contrary to us, and He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.
- ¹⁵ Having disarmed the principalities and the powers, He exposed them openly, thus triumphing over them.
- ¹⁶ Therefore, let no one judge you in eating and drinking, or concerning a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day,
- ¹⁷ things which were a shadow of something coming, but the *actual* body belongs to Christ.
- ¹⁸ Let no one deprive you of your reward through contrived humility and the worship of angels, dwelling continually on things which he has seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
- ¹⁹ and not adhering to the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and joined together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth of God.
- ²⁰ If you died with Christ *to get away* from the principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to ordinances:

- ²¹ do not touch, do not taste, do not handle
- ²² (things that will all perish with using), according to the precepts and doctrines of men?
- ²³ Such things, having indeed an appearance of wisdom in professed religion and humility and severity to the body, are of no value whatever *but are* for the gratification of the flesh.

Chapter Three

- ¹ If then you were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- ² Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are on the earth,
- ³ for you died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
- ⁴ When Christ, our life, appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory.
- ⁵ Put to death therefore the parts of you that are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- ⁶ The wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience because of such things,
- ⁷ in which you also once walked, when you were living in them.
- ⁸ But now you also put away all these things: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and shameful speaking from your mouth.
- ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have taken off the old man with his doings,
- ¹⁰ and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the One creating him.
- ¹¹ Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave *or* freeman; but Christ is all, and in all.
- ¹² Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness *and* patience;
- ¹³ accepting one another, and forgiving each other, if anyone has a complaint against someone; just as the Lord forgave you, you do the same.
- ¹⁴ And over all these things *put on* love which is the bond of perfection.
- ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

- ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.
- ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or in deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- ¹⁸ Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
- ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter against them.
- ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing in the Lord.
- ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they will not become discouraged.
- ²² Slaves, obey your masters according to the flesh in all things, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but with integrity of heart, fearing the Lord.
- ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men.
- ²⁴ You serve Christ the Lord, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.
- ²⁵ For he who does wrong will be repaid for the wrong that he has done, and there is no respect of persons.

Chapter Four

- ¹ Masters, give your slaves what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.
- ² Constantly engage in prayer, being watchful in this with thanksgiving,
- ³ while you also pray for us, that God may open a door for the word so we may speak the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned,
- ⁴ so I may make it known, as I ought to speak.
- ⁵ Walk in wisdom in the presence of outsiders, making full use of the time.
- ⁶ Always let your speech be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- ⁷ All my affairs will be made known to you by Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-slave in the Lord,
- ⁸ whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our circumstances, and that he may encourage your hearts,

- ⁹ together with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you everything *that has happened* here.
- ¹⁰ *The following* send you greetings: Aristarchus, my fellow-prisoner, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: welcome him if he comes to you),
- ¹¹ and Jesus, called Justus. These are the only ones from among the circumcision who are my fellow-workers in the kingdom of God, men who have been a comfort to me.
- ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you, always striving for you in his prayers, that you may stand complete and fully assured in all the will of God.
- ¹³ For I testify about him, that he has much concern for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis.
- ¹⁴ Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas send you greetings.
- ¹⁵ Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church that is in their house.
- ¹⁶ And when this letter has been read aloud among you, be sure that it is also read aloud in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you also read the one from Laodicea.
- ¹⁷ And say to Archippus: See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord.
- ¹⁸ By my hand, the greeting of Paul. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.

First John

Chapter One

- ¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we observed and our hands handled regarding the Word of Life --
- ² and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us --
- ³ what we have seen and heard we also proclaim to you so you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ And we are writing these things so our joy may be complete.
- ⁵ And this is the message that we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light, and there is in Him no darkness at all.
- ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.
- 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.
- ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we are making Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Chapter Two

- ¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. But if someone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.
- ² And He is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.
- ³ And by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

- ⁴ He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.
- ⁶ He who says he remains in Him ought himself also to walk as He walked.
- ⁷ Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you heard.
- ⁸ On the other hand, I am writing you a new commandment that is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.
- ⁹ He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is still in the darkness even now.
- ¹⁰ He who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is nothing causing offence in him.
- ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
- ¹² I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake.
- ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, little children, because you know the Father.
- ¹⁴ I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
- ¹⁵ Do not love the world, nor the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, its lust also. But he who does the will of God continues for ever.
- ¹⁸ Little children, it is the final hour. And as you heard that antichrist was coming, even now many antichrists have arisen, by which we know that it is the final hour.

- ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would have stayed with us. But *they went out* so they could be made known, because they all are not of us.
- ²⁰ But you have an anointment from the Holy One, and all of you know.
- ²¹ I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.
- ²² Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one denying the Father and the Son.
- ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also.
- ²⁴ As for you, let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.
- ²⁵ And this is the promise that He promised us: eternal life!
- ²⁶ These things I have written to you concerning those who are misleading you.
- ²⁷ But as for you, the anointment that you received from Him remains in you, and you have no need for someone to be teaching you. But since His anointment teaches you about all things and is true and is no lie, just as He taught you, remain in Him.
- ²⁸ And now, little children, remain in Him, so when He is revealed we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
- ²⁹ Since you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who is practicing righteousness has been born of Him.

Chapter Three

- ¹ See what manner of love the Father has extended to us, that we should be called children of God, and we are! For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
- ² Beloved, now we are God's children, and what we shall be, is not yet revealed. We do know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- ³ And everyone who has this hope *based* on Him purifies himself as He is pure.

- ⁴ Everyone practicing sin, is also practicing lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness.
- ⁵ And you know that He was revealed so He might take away sins, and there is no sin in Him.
- ⁶ Everyone who remains in Him does not keep on sinning. Everyone who keeps on sinning, has neither seen Him nor known Him.
- ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. The one practicing righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.
- ⁸ The one practicing sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. This is why the Son of God was revealed, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- ⁹ Anyone who has been born of God does not keep on practicing sin, because His seed abides in him, and he is not able to keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.
- ¹⁰ By this the children of God are made known, and the children of the devil. Anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, also someone who does not love his brother.
- ¹¹ For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning: that we should love one another.
- ¹² Not like Cain! He was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.
- ¹³ Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.
- ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death into life because we love the brethren. He who does not love, remains in death.
- ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
- ¹⁶ We know love because He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
- ¹⁷ Now whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and closes his heart against him, how can God's love be abiding in him?
- ¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or with the tongue, but in action and truth.
- ¹⁹ By this we will know that we are of the truth, and will make our heart secure before Him,
- ²⁰ because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

- ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God,
²² and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we are keeping His commandments and doing the things that are pleasing in His sight.
²³ And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another according to the commandment He gave us.
²⁴ And he who keeps His commandments remains in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He remains in us, by the Spirit whom He gave us.

Chapter Four

- ¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
² By this you know the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ, come in the flesh, is of God.
³ But every spirit that does not confess Jesus, is not of God, and this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, which you heard was coming, and now is in the world already.
⁴ 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.
⁵ They are of the world. Therefore *what* they speak *is* of the world, and the world listens to them.
⁶ We are of God. He who knows God listens to us. He who is not of God, does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
⁸ He who does not love, does not know God, for God is love.
⁹ By this the love of God has been made known among us, that God has sent His one-and-only Son into the world that we might live through Him.
¹⁰ This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son *to be* the expiation for our sins.
¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

- ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us *a portion* of His Spirit.
- ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* the Savior of the world.
- ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.
- ¹⁶ And we have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love, abides in God, and God abides in him.
- ¹⁷ This is how love has been perfected among us, that we may have confidence on the day of judgement, because as He is, so are we in this world.
- ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love eliminates fear, because fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears has not been perfected in love.
- ¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.
- ²⁰ If a man says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.
- ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

Chapter Five

- ¹ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God, and whoever loves Him who gives birth, loves him also who is born of Him.
- ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments.
- ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.
- ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith!
- ⁵ And who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- ⁶ He is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not in the water only, but in the water and in the blood.
- ⁷ And it is the Spirit who is testifying, because the Spirit is the truth.

- ⁸ For there are three who are testifying: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and the three *agree* as one.
- ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is God's testimony, that He has testified concerning His Son!
- ¹⁰ The one believing in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. The one not believing God, has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has testified concerning His Son.
- ¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God gives us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
- ¹² He who has the Son, has life. He who does not have the Son of God, does not have life.
- ¹³ I have written these things to you so you may know that you have eternal life -- to the ones who believe in the name of the Son of God.
- ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have before Him, that if we ask something according to His will, He hears us.
- ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us when we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.
- ¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother sinning a non-deadly sin, he will ask, and *God* will give him life for those who are committing non-deadly sins. There is deadly sin. I am not saying that you should ask concerning that.
- ¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin. But there is non-deadly sin.
- ¹⁸ We know that anyone having been born of God does not continue sinning, but He who is born of God watches over him, and the evil one does not have a hold on him.
- ¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world is found in the evil one.
- ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding that we might know the True One, and we are in the True One, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and eternal life.
- ²¹ Little children, be careful to avoid idols.

Second John

- ¹ The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth,
- ² because of the truth abiding in us that will also be with us for ever.
- ³ Grace, mercy *and* peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.
- ⁴ I rejoice greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, according to the commandment we received from the Father.
- ⁵ And now I entreat you, lady, not as though I were writing a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning, that we should love one another.
- ⁶ And this is love: that we walk according to His commandments. This -- as you have heard from the beginning -- is the commandment in which you should walk.
- ⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, they who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.
- ⁸ Be careful that you do not lose what you* have worked for, but that you might receive a full reward.
- ⁹ Anyone going beyond -- and not remaining in -- the teaching of Christ, does not have God. He who remains in the teaching, has both the Father and the Son.
- ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not bid him welcome.
- ¹¹ For he who bids him welcome, shares in his evil works.
- ¹² Having many things to write to you, I did not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come to you, and to speak face to face, that our joy may be complete.
- ¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you.

Third John

- ¹ The elder, to the beloved Gaius whom I love in truth.
- ² Beloved *brother*, I pray that in all things you may prosper and be in good health, just like your soul is prospering.
- ³ For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified to the truth *that is yours*, as you walk in truth.
- ⁴ I have no greater joy than when I hear of my children walking in the truth.
- ⁵ Beloved *brother*, you are acting faithfully in the work you do for the brethren, also for strangers,
- ⁶ who have testified to your love before the church. You will do good by helping them on their way in a manner worthy of God,
- ⁷ because they went forth on behalf of the Name, taking nothing from the Gentiles.
- ⁸ So we ought to be hospitable to such men, that we may be fellow-workers for the truth.
- ⁹ I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not accept us.
- ¹⁰ Therefore, if I come, I will bring up his deeds that he does, speaking nonsense against us with wicked words. And not content with that, he himself does not accept the brethren, and those wanting *to do so* he hinders and throws out of the church!
- ¹¹ Beloved *brother*, do not imitate the bad, but the good. He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen God.
- ¹² Of Demetrius *a good* testimony has been given by all and by the truth itself. We also testify *on his behalf*, and you know that our testimony is true.
- ¹³ I had many things to write to you, but I do not want to write *them* to you with ink and pen,
- ¹⁴ but I hope to see you soon, and we shall speak face to face.
- ¹⁵ Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.