



# Letters Of Love

**Overhead Charts Used For Studies  
in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John**

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# **"Truths" That Determine Fellowship With God**

## **1 Jn. 1:5 - 2:2**

- ① God's holy character 1:5**
- ② Our efforts to live as He directs 1:6-7**
- ③ A recognition of our own sinfulness 1:8-9**
- ④ An admission of our past sinfulness 1:10**
- ⑤ Our need of an Advocate 2:1-2**

# **“Tests” Of & “Perils” To Maintaining Fellowship With God 1 Jn. 2:3-24**

## **“Tests” of Fellowship 1 Jn 2:3-11**

- ① Obedience to His will 2:3-6**
  - keeping His word
  - abiding in Him, walking in His steps
- ② Loving other followers of Him 2:7-11**
  - an “old,” yet “new” commandment

# **“Tests” Of & “Perils” To Maintaining Fellowship With God 1 Jn. 2:3-24**

## **“Perils” to Fellowship 1 Jn 2:15-24**

### **① Worldliness 2:15-17**

- loving the world prevents loving God
- the world, its things, are passing away

### **② “Antichrist” 2:18-24**

- anyone who denies the Father & the Son



# *Who Is The “Antichrist”?*

**1 Jn 2:18-24**

- ❶ Anyone refusing apostolic authority **v. 19**
- ❷ Anyone denying Jesus is the Messiah, and that He came to earth **vv. 22-23 4:3**

# Loving The Brethren

1 Jn. 3:10-16

## Cain

- ✓ An example of hate
- ✓ Killed out of selfishness

## Christ

- ✓ An example of love
- ✓ Died out of unselfishness

If we are to avoid the hate which motivated Cain, we must adopt the love which influenced Christ.

# Testing The Spirits

**1 Jn. 4:1-6**

## Test # 1

- Confessing that Jesus Christ has come into the world **vv. 2-3**
  - because of Docetic gnosticism

## Test # 2

- Listening to the apostles **v. 6**

# Loving The Brethren

## 1 Jn. 4:7-21

- ① It shows true sonship in God vv. 7-11
- ② It determines fellowship with God  
vv. 12-16
- ③ It provides assurance vv. 17-19
- ④ Application vv. 20-21



# Witnesses For Christ

**1 Jn. 5:8-12**

- ① **The Spirit**    >>>➔    **the Holy Spirit**
- ② **The water**    >>>➔    **His baptism**
- ③ **The blood**    >>>➔    **His crucifixion**



**Their testimony agrees or harmonizes,  
and is perpetual or constant, not just  
pertaining to past events.**

# **“SIN” and “DEATH”**

## **1 Jn. 5:16**

- ① All sin leads to death Rom 6:23**
- ② All sin is lawlessness 1 Jn 3:4**
- ③ All sin is unrighteousness 1 Jn 5:17**
- ④ All sin must be confessed 1 Jn 1:9**
- ⑤ “Life” and “Death” must correspond 1 Jn 5:16  
cp. 5:12 3:14-15**
- ⑥ The context is prayer 1 Jn 5:13-17**

# **“SIN” and “DEATH”**

**1 Jn. 5:16**

- ◆ **Based on these facts, what is “sin not unto death” & what is “sin unto death”?**
  - **“Sin not unto death” = repented of sin**
  - **“Sin unto death” = unrepented of sin, sin still separating one from fellowship with God**
- ◆ **Why pray for the brother who repents of sin?**

**cp. Jas 5:16**

# ***HOW IMPORTANT DOES GOD VIEW FELLOWSHIP?***

- ◉ ***Always***, fellowship with Him should be sought [ Theme of 1st Jn ]
- ◉ ***Sometimes***, fellowship should not be extended that has been [ 2nd Jn 9-11 ]
- ◉ ***Sometimes***, fellowship that has been denied should be extended [ 3rd Jn 5-10 ]