

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4

IN 1 JOHN 4, THE APOSTLE JOHN BEGAN THE CHAPTER BY WARNING THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN TO TRY (TEST) THE SPIRITS OF THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA, BECAUSE THERE WERE ALSO FALSE PROPHETS SEEKING REFUGE AMONGST THEM.

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER WARNED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN AGAINST BEING SEDUCED BY THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST BY THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE CLAIMING THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS NOT THE **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD** WHO CAME IN SINFUL FLESH AND WERE STILL PROMOTING THE LAW OF CIRCUMCISION AND THE LAW OF MOSES.

THE APOSTLE JOHN ALSO ENCOURAGED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF **THE HOLY SPIRIT** WHO IS **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH** AND WHO WOULD EXPOSE **THE SPIRIT OF ERROR** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.

THE APOSTLE JOHN THEN WENT ON TO ENCOURAGE THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN WHO WERE REJECTING THEIR HEBREW BRETHREN FROM ENTERING THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA TO LOVE THEIR HEBREW BRETHREN WITH THE LOVE OF GOD IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, **WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER WHICH WAS DEMONSTRATED TOWARDS THEM IN JESUS CHRIST.**

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER ENCOURAGED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN **TO INCREASE IN THE PERFECTION OF THE LOVE OF GOD** AND EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT **UNGODLY FEAR** WILL HINDER THE PERFECTION OF **THE LOVE OF GOD** FROM BEING IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

(THE UNGODLY FEAR MAY HAVE RESULTED BY THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN BEING OVERWHELMED BY THE INFLUX OF THE

LARGE NUMBER OF **HEBREW BRETHREN** SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA).

THE APOSTLE JOHN CONCLUDED THE CHAPTER BY WARNING THE **ISRAELITE BRETHREN** THAT THEY WOULD BE **LYING** AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT (WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH) IF THEY SAY THAT THEY LOVE GOD THE FATHER WHO THEY DID NOT SEE, AND YET HATE THEIR **HEBREW BRETHREN** (BY NOT PROVIDING FOR THEIR MATERIAL NEEDS).

❖ **1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 VERSE 1**

IN **1 JOHN 4:1**, THE APOSTLE JOHN WARNED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA **NOT TO BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT** OF THOSE AMONGST THE **HEBREW BRETHREN**, BUT THAT THEY HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY **TO TRY OR TO TEST** THE SPIRITS OF THOSE WHO WERE CLAIMING TO BE PROPHETS AMONGST THE HEBREW BRETHREN, BUT WERE PROMOTING THE FALSE DOCTRINE THAT JESUS WAS NOT THE CHRIST THAT CAME AND THAT ADHERENCE TO THE LAW OF CIRCUMCISION AND THE LAW OF MOSES WAS STILL REQUIRED TO RECEIVE ETERNAL SALVATION.

1 John 4:1 (KJV) 1 BELOVED, BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD: BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS ARE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST WARNING HIS TRUE DISCIPLES TO BE SPIRITUALLY AWARE OF THE DEVICES OF FALSE PROPHETS WHO WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY THEIR SPIRITUAL FRUIT.

JESUS CHRIST WARNED HIS DISCIPLES TO WATCH OUT FOR **FALSE PROPHETS** WHO WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY **THEIR SPIRITUAL FRUITS**, BY EXAMINATION IN THE SCRIPTURES AND BY THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Matt 7:15-20 (KJV) 15 BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES.

Matt 7:16 (KJV) 16 YE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Matt 7:17 (KJV) 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Matt 7:18 (KJV) 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matt 7:19 (KJV) 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

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Matt 7:20 (KJV) 20 WHEREFORE BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM.

Matt 24:11 (KJV) 11 AND MANY FALSE PROPHETS SHALL RISE, AND SHALL DECEIVE MANY.

Matt 24:24 (KJV) 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and FALSE PROPHETS, AND SHALL SHEW GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS; INSOMUCH THAT, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THEY SHALL DECEIVE THE VERY ELECT.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST TRYING THE SPIRIT OF PETER WHO WAS BEING INFLUENCED BY SATAN TO DENY HIM OF HIS SUFFERINGS IN FULFILMENT OF THE PROPHECIES OF SCRIPTURES.

Matt 16:22-23 (KJV) 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: THIS SHALL NOT BE UNTO THEE.

Matt 16:23 (KJV) 23 BUT HE TURNED, AND SAID UNTO PETER, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN: THOU ART AN OFFENCE UNTO ME: FOR THOU SAVOUREST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, BUT THOSE THAT BE OF MEN.

THE APOSTLE PETER ALSO WARNED THE SCATTERED ISRAELITE BRETHREN OF FALSE TEACHERS COMING IN AMONGST THEM JUST AS THERE WERE FALSE PROPHETS AMONGST THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

2 Peter 2:1 (KJV) 1 BUT THERE WERE FALSE PROPHETS ALSO AMONG THE PEOPLE, EVEN AS THERE SHALL BE FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THERE WOULD BE FALSE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD PROMOTING THEIR OWN SPIRITUAL STANDARD AGAINST THE TRUTH OF GOD.

Gal 2:4 (KJV) 4 AND THAT BECAUSE OF FALSE BRETHREN UNAWARES BROUGHT IN, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO WARNED THE GENTILE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT CORINTH OF FALSE PROPHETS AND FALSE MINISTERS INFLUENCED BY SATAN PROMOTING ANOTHER GOSPEL AND ANOTHER SPIRIT AND ANOTHER JESUS TO DECEIVE THOSE WALKING IN THE TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

2 Cor 11:3-4 (KJV) 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Cor 11:4 (KJV) 4 For if he that cometh preacheth ANOTHER JESUS, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive ANOTHER

SPIRIT, which ye have not received, or ANOTHER GOSPEL, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

2 Cor 11:13-15 (KJV) 13 FOR SUCH ARE FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES INTO THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST.

2 Cor 11:14 (KJV) 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2 Cor 11:15 (KJV) 15 THEREFORE IT IS NO GREAT THING IF HIS MINISTERS ALSO BE TRANSFORMED AS THE MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; WHOSE END SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST COMMENDING THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN FOR TRYING THE SPIRITS OF THOSE BRETHREN WHO CLAIMED TO BE HIS APOSTLES AND FOUND THEM TO BE LIARS (FALSE APOSTLES).

Rev 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; Rev 2:2 (KJV) 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: AND THOU HAST TRIED THEM WHICH SAY THEY ARE APOSTLES, AND ARE NOT, AND HAST FOUND THEM LIARS:

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 2-3

IN 1 JOHN 4:2-3, THE APOSTLE JOHN WARNED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA OF THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA AND WERE COMING IN THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST TO SEDUCE THEM TO DENY THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME IN SINFUL FLESH AND TO RETURN TO THE BONDAGE OF THE LAW OF CIRCUMCISION AND THE LAW OF MOSES.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS INSTRUCTING THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLE ON HOW TO DETERMINE THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST AMONGST THE HEBREW BRETHREN ENTERING THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA.

THE MAJOR DECEPTIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST:

1. DENYING THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD THE FATHER WHO CAME IN SINFUL FLESH.
2. DENYING THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST THAT HE CAME IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF SINFUL MAN, LOWER THAN THE ANGELS AND HAD TO DEPEND ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO DO THE WORKS OF GOD THE FATHER.
3. DENYING THE TRUE MESSAGE JESUS CHRIST BROUGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

THE APOSTLE JOHN WARNED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES IN ASIA MINOR OF THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST WHICH WAS OPERATING AGAINST THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST AND DENYING JESUS CHRIST AND GOD THE FATHER.

1 John 4:2-3 (KJV) 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSETH THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH IS OF GOD:

1 John 4:3 (KJV) 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: AND THIS IS THAT SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNING TIMOTHY THAT IN THE LAST TIMES SOME WILL DEPART FROM THE FAITH **GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS AND DOCTRINE OF DEVILS** AGAINST THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH IS IN THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE PROPHESED TO TIMOTHY THAT SOME BRETHREN WOULD DEPART FROM THE FAITH GIVING HEED TO **SEDUCING SPIRITS** OF SATAN AND HIS ANGELS.

1 Tim 4:1 (KJV) 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS, AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS;

2 Tim 4:3-4 (KJV) 3 FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; BUT AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS SHALL THEY HEAP TO THEMSELVES TEACHERS, HAVING ITCHING EARS;

2 Tim 4:4 (KJV) 4 AND THEY SHALL TURN AWAY THEIR EARS FROM THE TRUTH, AND SHALL BE TURNED UNTO FABLES.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST THAT WAS ALREADY IN THE WORLD INFLUENCED BY SATAN AND HIS ANGELS AND WAS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE DURING THE MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLES IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND THE EPISTLES.

THE APOSTLE JOHN STATED THAT **THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST** WILL DENY BOTH **GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD.**

THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST DENIES THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. DENYING THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME AS THE MESSIAH. (JEWS).
2. DENYING THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME IN SINFUL FLESH IN THE IMAGE OF THE SON OF MAN AND THAT HE DEPENDED ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO DO THE WORKS OF GOD THE FATHER.
3. DENYING THE MESSAGE AND DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

1 John 2:18-24 (KJV) 18 LITTLE CHILDREN, IT IS THE LAST TIME: AND AS YE HAVE HEARD THAT ANTICHRIST SHALL COME, EVEN NOW ARE THERE MANY ANTICHRISTS; WHEREBY WE KNOW THAT IT IS THE LAST TIME.

1 John 2:19 (KJV) 19 THEY WENT OUT FROM US, BUT THEY WERE NOT OF US; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: BUT THEY WENT OUT, THAT THEY MIGHT BE MADE MANIFEST THAT THEY WERE NOT ALL OF US.

1 John 2:20 (KJV) 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:21 (KJV) 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

1 John 2:22 (KJV) 22 WHO IS A LIAR BUT HE THAT DENIETH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST? HE IS ANTICHRIST, THAT DENIETH THE FATHER AND THE SON.

1 John 2:23 (KJV) 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 2:24 (KJV) 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

2 John 1:7-11 (KJV) 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. THIS IS A DECEIVER AND AN ANTICHRIST.

2 John 1:8 (KJV) 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2 John 1:9 (KJV) 9 WHOSOEVER TRANSGRESSETH, AND ABIDETH NOT IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HATH NOT GOD. HE THAT ABIDETH IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, HE HATH BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON.

2 John 1:10 (KJV) 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

2 John 1:11 (KJV) 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST DECLARING THAT THOSE WHO ARE HIS TRUE DISCIPLES WILL KNOW HIS DOCTRINE AND WILL KNOW GOD THE FATHER WHO SENT HIM.

John 7:16-17 (KJV) 16 Jesus answered them, and said, MY DOCTRINE IS NOT MINE, BUT HIS THAT SENT ME.

John 7:17 (KJV) 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST DENYING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST THAT CAME IN SINFUL FLESH.

THE APOSTLE PETER WARNED THE SCATTERED ISRAELITE BRETHREN OF **SCOFFERS** OR **MOCKERS** COMING INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD WHO WILL DENY THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST THAT WAS PROPHESED TO COME IN SINFUL FLESH.

2 Peter 3:3-4 (KJV) 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **SCOFFERS, WALKING AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS,**
2 Peter 3:4 (KJV) 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

THE **APOSTLE JUDE** ALSO WARNED THE SCATTERED ISRAELITE BRETHREN OF **MOCKERS** COMING INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD WHO WILL DENY THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST THAT WAS PROPHESED TO COME IN SINFUL FLESH.

Jude 1:4 (KJV) 4 **FOR THERE ARE CERTAIN MEN CREPT IN UNAWARES,** who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **TURNING THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS, AND DENYING THE ONLY LORD GOD, AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Jude 1:17-19 (KJV) 17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Jude 1:18 (KJV) 18 **HOW THAT THEY TOLD YOU THERE SHOULD BE MOCKERS IN THE LAST TIME, WHO SHOULD WALK AFTER THEIR OWN UNGODLY LUSTS.**

Jude 1:19 (KJV) 19 THESE BE THEY WHO SEPARATE THEMSELVES, SENSUAL, HAVING NOT THE SPIRIT.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 4-5

IN 1 JOHN 4:4-5, THE APOSTLE JOHN REMINDED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT WERE WALKING IN THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST THAT THEY WERE THE CHILDREN OF GOD AND THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLING WITHIN THEIR HEARTS IS GREATER THAN THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS WHO WERE BEING JUDGED IN THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD.

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER WARNED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN NOT TO BE SEDUCED BY THOSE HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE OPERATING IN THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST AND SPEAKING AFTER THE RUDIMENTS (PHILOSOPHIES) OF THE WORLD.

1 John 4:4-5 (KJV) 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: BECAUSE GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:5 (KJV) 5 THEY ARE OF THE WORLD: THEREFORE SPEAK THEY OF THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD HEARETH THEM.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE PHRASE “GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU” REFERRING TO THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLING IN US IS GREATER THAN THE SPIRIT OF SATAN IN THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD AND FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCORDING TO THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST WILL HELP US OVERCOME SATAN IN THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD.

Rom 8:11 (KJV) 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by HIS SPIRIT THAT DWELLETH IN YOU.

2 Cor 1:21-22 (KJV) 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

2 Cor 1:22 (KJV) 22 WHO HATH ALSO SEALED US, AND GIVEN THE EARNEST OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS.

1 Cor 3:16-17 (KJV) 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU?

1 Cor 3:17 (KJV) 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Eph 1:13-14 (KJV) 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: IN WHOM ALSO AFTER THAT YE BELIEVED, YE WERE SEALED WITH THAT HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE,

Eph 1:14 (KJV) 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2 Tim 1:13-14 (KJV) 13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 1:14 (KJV) 14 THAT GOOD THING WHICH WAS COMMITTED UNTO THEE KEEP BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH DWELLETH IN US.

1 John 2:27 (KJV) 27 BUT THE ANOINTING WHICH YE HAVE RECEIVED OF HIM ABIDETH IN YOU, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON “HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD”

John 14:30 (KJV) 30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: FOR THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD COMETH, AND HATH NOTHING IN ME.

2 Cor 4:3-4 (KJV) 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2 Cor 4:4 (KJV) 4 IN WHOM THE GOD OF THIS WORLD HATH BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT, lest the

light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT THE TRUE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST DO NOT BELONG TO THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD.

John 8:42-43 (KJV) 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 8:43 (KJV) 43 WHY DO YE NOT UNDERSTAND MY SPEECH? EVEN BECAUSE YE CANNOT HEAR MY WORD.

John 8:24-27 (KJV) 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

John 8:25 (KJV) 25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.

John 8:26 (KJV) 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; AND I SPEAK TO THE WORLD THOSE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HEARD OF HIM.

John 8:27 (KJV) 27 THEY UNDERSTOOD NOT THAT HE SPAKE TO THEM OF THE FATHER.

John 16:7-11 (KJV) 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; BUT IF I DEPART, I WILL SEND HIM UNTO YOU.

John 16:8 (KJV) 8 AND WHEN HE IS COME, HE WILL REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN, AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND OF JUDGMENT:

John 16:9 (KJV) 9 OF SIN, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE NOT ON ME;

John 16:10 (KJV) 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

John 16:11 (KJV) 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES THAT THE WORLD WILL LOVE AND LISTEN TO THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE WORLD.

John 15:18-19 (KJV) 18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

John 15:19 (KJV) 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

IN JESUS CHRIST'S FINAL PRAYER BEFORE HE BECAME OUR PASSOVER, HE MENTIONED THAT HIS TRUE DISCIPLES DO NOT BELONG TO THE WORLD.

John 17:14-16 (KJV) 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

John 17:15 (KJV) 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

John 17:16 (KJV) 16 THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, EVEN AS I AM NOT OF THE WORLD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON TRUE DISCIPLES WILL NOT FOLLOW AFTER THE SPEECH OF THE WORLD.

1 Cor 2:1-5 (KJV) 1 AND I, BRETHREN, WHEN I CAME TO YOU, CAME NOT WITH EXCELLENCY OF SPEECH OR OF WISDOM, DECLARING UNTO YOU THE TESTIMONY OF GOD.

1 Cor 2:2 (KJV) 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Cor 2:3 (KJV) 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

1 Cor 2:4 (KJV) 4 AND MY SPEECH AND MY PREACHING WAS NOT WITH ENTICING WORDS OF MAN'S WISDOM, BUT IN DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT AND OF POWER:

1 Cor 2:5 (KJV) 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Col 2:8 (KJV) 8 BEWARE LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN DECEIT, AFTER THE TRADITION OF

MEN, AFTER THE RUDIMENTS OF THE WORLD, AND NOT AFTER CHRIST.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 6

IN 1 JOHN 4:6, THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER EXPLAINED TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN HOW THEY CAN RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE SPEAKING IN **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH** AND THOSE SPEAKING IN THE SPIRIT OF ERROR, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE DECEIVED.

THE **SPIRIT OF TRUTH** WILL **ONLY** BE RECOGNIZED BY THOSE WHO ARE ABIDING IN THE SCRIPTURES BY THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 John 4:6 (KJV) 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. HEREBY KNOW WE **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH** WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Matt 22:29-30 (KJV) 29 JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THEM, YE DO ERR, NOT KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES, NOR THE POWER OF GOD.

Matt 22:30 (KJV) 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

1 Cor 2:15 (KJV) 15 BUT HE THAT IS SPIRITUAL JUDGETH ALL THINGS, YET HE HIMSELF IS JUDGED OF NO MAN.

Gal 6:1 (KJV) 1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, YE WHICH ARE SPIRITUAL, RESTORE SUCH AN ONE IN THE SPIRIT OF MEEKNESS; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

James 5:19-20 (KJV) 19 BRETHREN, IF ANY OF YOU DO ERR FROM THE TRUTH, AND ONE CONVERT HIM;

James 5:20 (KJV) 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

JESUS CHRIST STATED THAT THEY WHO ARE SPIRITUAL AND HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN MUST PAY ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS OF HIS WORDS.

John 6:63 (KJV) 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE LIFE.

JESUS CHRIST GLORIFIED GOD THE FATHER BY PAYING ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS OF HIS WORDS AS HE SPOKE IN THE WORLD.

John 8:26-28 (KJV) 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: BUT HE THAT SENT ME IS TRUE; AND I SPEAK TO THE WORLD THOSE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HEARD OF HIM.

John 8:27 (KJV) 27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

John 8:28 (KJV) 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; BUT AS MY FATHER HATH TAUGHT ME, I SPEAK THESE THINGS.

THE APOSTLE PETER WARNED THE SCATTERED ISRAELITE BRETHREN TO BE AWARE OF BEING LED AWAY BY THE SPIRIT OF ERROR OF THE WICKED.

2 Peter 3:14-17 (KJV) 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2 Peter 3:15 (KJV) 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

2 Peter 3:16 (KJV) 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:17 (KJV) 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, BEWARE LEST YE ALSO, BEING LED AWAY WITH THE ERROR OF THE WICKED, FALL FROM YOUR OWN STEDFASTNESS.

EXAMPLE OF JAMES AND JOHN WHO WERE REBUKED BY JESUS CHRIST FOR WANTING TO SPEAK WORDS OF DESTRUCTION WITH THEIR TONGUES, NOT UNDERSTANDING THE POWER IN THEIR TONGUES WITH THE NEW SPIRIT THAT WAS IN THEM.

Luke 9:51-56 (KJV) 51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

Luke 9:52 (KJV) 52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

Luke 9:53 (KJV) 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

Luke 9:54 (KJV) 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

Luke 9:55 (KJV) 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, YE KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF.

Luke 9:56 (KJV) 56 FOR THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM. And they went to another village.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

Prov 18:21 (KJV) 21 DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE: AND THEY THAT LOVE IT SHALL EAT THE FRUIT THEREOF.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 7-8

IN 1 JOHN 4:7-8, THE APOSTLE JOHN ENCOURAGED THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA TO DEMONSTRATE THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER TOWARDS

THEIR **HEBREW BRETHREN** WHO WERE MIGRATING FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA AND WERE SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA AND WERE BEING REJECTED.

THE APOSTLE JOHN EXPLAINED TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT **THE EVIDENCE OF KNOWING GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST** IS IN THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN DEEDS AND IN TRUTH.

1 John 4:7-8 (KJV) 7 BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER: FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4:8 (KJV) 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; FOR **GOD IS LOVE.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON LOVING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER; AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YE ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

John 13:35 (KJV) 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Col 1:7-8 (KJV) 7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

Col 1:8 (KJV) 8 WHO ALSO DECLARED UNTO US YOUR LOVE IN THE SPIRIT.

1 John 3:18 (KJV) 18 MY LITTLE CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE IN WORD, NEITHER IN TONGUE; BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.

1 John 3:16 (KJV) 16 HEREBY PERCEIVE WE THE LOVE OF GOD, BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US: AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 9-10

IN 1 JOHN 4:9-10, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS REMINDING THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT GOD THE FATHER DEMONSTRATED HIS LOVE FOR US IN SENDING JESUS CHRIST AS HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON TO PAY THE PRICE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD AND TO DELIVER US FROM THE PENALTY OF ETERNAL DEATH INHERITED BY ADAM AND DESCENDED TO ALL MEN.

1 John 4:9-10 (KJV) 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD, that we might live through him.

1 John 4:10 (KJV) 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON GOD THE FATHER SENDING HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD.

John 3:16-18 (KJV) 16 For God so loved the world, that HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:17 (KJV) 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:18 (KJV) 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Heb 1:5-6 (KJV) 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Heb 1:6 (KJV) 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER IN JESUS CHRIST TOWARDS US IN THE ETERNAL SPIRIT BEING OF THE WORD OF GOD

GIVING UP HIS ETERNAL LIFE AND COMING IN SINFUL FLESH TO DELIVER MAN FROM THE PENALTY OF ETERNAL DEATH.

John 15:13 (KJV) 13 GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

Rom 5:8 (KJV) 8 BUT GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON JESUS CHRIST BEING OUR PROPITIATION OR SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR SINS BY BEING SIN FOR US.

Isa 53:5 (KJV) 5 BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES: THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM; and with his stripes we are healed.

Rom 3:24-26 (KJV) 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 3:25 (KJV) 25 WHOM GOD HATH SET FORTH TO BE A PROPITIATION THROUGH FAITH IN HIS BLOOD, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 3:26 (KJV) 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

1 John 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 2:2 (KJV) 2 AND HE IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS: AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY, BUT ALSO FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

Rom 8:3 (KJV) 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, GOD SENDING HIS OWN SON IN THE LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH, AND FOR SIN, CONDEMNED SIN IN THE FLESH:

2 Cor 5:21 (KJV) 21 FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 11-13

IN 1 JOHN 4:11-13, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS INSTRUCTING THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT WHEN THEY COME TO UNDERSTAND THE LOVE OF GOD FOR THEM IN THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, THEY WOULD HAVE THE SAME DESIRE TO EXTEND THAT SAME LOVE OF LAYING DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR HEBREW BRETHREN.

THE APOSTLE JOHN EXPLAINED TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT NO MAN HAD SEEN GOD THE FATHER AT ANY TIME, BUT THAT GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST DWELLS IN US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US AND THIS WOULD BE DEMONSTRATED BY THE EVIDENCE OF THE LOVE FOR GOD AND FOR EACH OTHER BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE CANNOT STUDY THE SCRIPTURES ON THE LOVE OF GOD TO RECEIVE THE LOVE OF GOD.

WE RECEIVE AND ARE PERFECTED IN THE LOVE OF GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CIRCUMSTANCES AND SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRES US TO EXERCISE A LOVE BEYOND THE NATURAL EVEN WHEN WE HAVE TO CORRECT.

1 John 4:11-13 (KJV) 11 BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US, WE OUGHT ALSO TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

1 John 4:12 (KJV) 12 NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:13 (KJV) 13 HEREBY KNOW WE THAT WE DWELL IN HIM, AND HE IN US, BECAUSE HE HATH GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON NO MAN HAS SEEN GOD THE FATHER.

John 1:1-3 (KJV) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:2 (KJV) 2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 (KJV) 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:18 (KJV) 18 NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD AT ANY TIME, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 5:37 (KJV) 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. YE HAVE NEITHER HEARD HIS VOICE AT ANY TIME, NOR SEEN HIS SHAPE.

John 6:45-46 (KJV) 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

John 6:46 (KJV) 46 NOT THAT ANY MAN HATH SEEN THE FATHER, SAVE HE WHICH IS OF GOD, HE HATH SEEN THE FATHER.

John 14:21 (KJV) 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

Eph 1:13 (KJV) 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, YE WERE SEALED WITH THAT HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE,

2 Cor 5:5 (KJV) 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, WHO ALSO HATH GIVEN UNTO US THE EARNEST OF THE SPIRIT.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE LOVE OF GOD DWELLING IN US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Thess 4:8 (KJV) 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, BUT GOD, WHO HATH ALSO GIVEN UNTO US HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

2 Tim 1:13-14 (KJV) 13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
2 Tim 1:14 (KJV) 14 THAT GOOD THING WHICH WAS COMMITTED UNTO THEE KEEP BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH DWELLETH IN US.

1 John 3:24 (KJV) 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, BY THE SPIRIT WHICH HE HATH GIVEN US.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSES 14-15

IN 1 JOHN 4:14-15, THE APOSTLE JOHN TESTIFIED TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT HE WITH THE OTHER APOSTLES WERE WITNESSES OF THE EVIDENCE THAT GOD THE FATHER HAD SENT JESUS CHRIST TO BE THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER EXPLAINED TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT THOSE WHO CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME IN SINFUL FLESH AS THE SON OF GOD, HAVE THE EVIDENCE THAT GOD THE FATHER IS DWELLING IN THEM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 John 4:14-15 (KJV) 14 AND WE HAVE SEEN AND DO TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER SENT THE SON TO BE THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.

1 John 4:15 (KJV) 15 WHOSOEVER SHALL CONFESS THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, GOD DWELLETH IN HIM, AND HE IN GOD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT THE APOSTLE JOHN WITNESSED ALL THE EVIDENCE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST.

John 1:34 (KJV) 34 AND I SAW, AND BARE RECORD THAT THIS IS THE SON OF GOD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOUR OF THOSE BEING CALLED OUT OF THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD.

2 Tim 1:8-10 (KJV) 8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2 Tim 1:9 (KJV) 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2 Tim 1:10 (KJV) 10 BUT IS NOW MADE MANIFEST BY THE APPEARING OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Titus 3:4-7 (KJV) 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Titus 3:5 (KJV) 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Titus 3:6 (KJV) 6 WHICH HE SHED ON US ABUNDANTLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR;

Titus 3:7 (KJV) 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON CONFESSION OF JESUS CHRIST.

Matt 10:32-33 (KJV) 32 WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Matt 10:33 (KJV) 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Luke 12:8-9 (KJV) 8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, HIM SHALL THE SON OF MAN ALSO CONFESS BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD:

Luke 12:9 (KJV) 9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

John 12:42-43 (KJV) 42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; BUT BECAUSE OF THE PHARISEES THEY DID NOT CONFESS HIM, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

John 12:43 (KJV) 43 FOR THEY LOVED THE PRAISE OF MEN MORE THAN THE PRAISE OF GOD.

Rom 10:9-10 (KJV) 9 THAT IF THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 VERSES 16-17

IN 1 JOHN 4:16-17, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS EXPLAINING TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT IF THEY ARE FOLLOWING AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST WHEN HE WAS IN THE WORLD, THEY WOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

1 John 4:16-17 (KJV) 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. GOD IS LOVE; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:17 (KJV) 17 HEREIN IS OUR LOVE MADE PERFECT, THAT WE MAY HAVE BOLDNESS IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT: BECAUSE AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE LOVE OF GOD SHOULD BE DWELLING IN US BY HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS DWELLING IN THOSE WHO BELONG TO JESUS CHRIST.

1 John 4:12-13 (KJV) 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:13 (KJV) 13 HEREBY KNOW WE THAT WE DWELL IN HIM, AND HE IN US, BECAUSE HE HATH GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE ETERNAL JUDGMENT OF JESUS CHRIST.

Heb 10:26-27 (KJV) 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 (KJV) 27 BUT A CERTAIN FEARFUL LOOKING FOR OF JUDGMENT AND FIERY INDIGNATION, WHICH SHALL DEVOUR THE ADVERSARIES.

Phil 1:9-11 (KJV) 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and MORE IN KNOWLEDGE AND IN ALL JUDGMENT;

Phil 1:10 (KJV) 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; THAT YE MAY BE SINCERE AND WITHOUT OFFENCE TILL THE DAY OF CHRIST.

Phil 1:11 (KJV) 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

1 Thess 3:11-13 (KJV) 11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

1 Thess 3:12 (KJV) 12 AND THE LORD MAKE YOU TO INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE ONE TOWARD ANOTHER, AND TOWARD ALL MEN, even as we do toward you:

1 Thess 3:13 (KJV) 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL HIS SAINTS.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST WHEN HE WAS IN THE WORLD.

1 Peter 2:21 (KJV) 21 For even hereunto were ye called: BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US, LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS:

1 John 2:6 (KJV) 6 HE THAT SAITH HE ABIDETH IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE JUDGMENT OF JESUS CHRIST.

2 Cor 5:10 (KJV) 10 FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Peter 4:17 (KJV) 17 FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 VERSE 18

IN 1 JOHN 4:18, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS EXPLAINING TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD TOWARDS GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST AND TOWARDS EACH OTHER, WHICH IS IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, CANNOT BE PERFECTED IN THEM WHEN THEY ARE OPERATING IN UNGODLY FEAR.

THE APOSTLE JOHN FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT UNGODLY FEAR CAUSES MENTAL TORMENT AND HINDERS THE PERFECTION OF THE LOVE OF GOD BEING IMPARTED IN US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HOWEVER, GODLY FEAR BRINGS US INTO THE LOVE OF GOD. AND GODLY FEAR AND THE LOVE OF GOD WORKS TOGETHER.

THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD IS LOVING GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST ABOVE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING INCLUDING OUR OWN LIFE.

THE PRESENCE OF UNGODLY FEAR WILL CHOKE THE OPERATION OF THE FAITH OF GOD.

1 John 4:18 (KJV) 18 THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE; BUT PERFECT LOVE casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON UNGODLY FEAR.

THE APOSTLE PAUL EXPLAINED TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN ROME THAT THE NEW SPIRIT THEY RECEIVED AT WATER BAPTISM IS NOT A SPIRIT OF BONDAGE AGAIN TO UNGODLY FEAR.

Rom 8:15 (KJV) 15 FOR YE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF BONDAGE AGAIN TO FEAR; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO EXPERIENCED UNGODLY FEAR WHEN HE PREACHED TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH BECAUSE HE WAS NOT ELOQUENT IN SPEECH.

1 Cor 2:1-5 (KJV) 1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1 Cor 2:2 (KJV) 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Cor 2:3 (KJV) 3 AND I WAS WITH YOU IN WEAKNESS, AND IN FEAR, AND IN MUCH TREMBLING.

1 Cor 2:4 (KJV) 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

1 Cor 2:5 (KJV) 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

2 Cor 10:10 (KJV) 10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO REMINDED THE YOUNG MINISTER TIMOTHY THAT HE DIDN'T RECEIVE A SPIRIT OF UNGODLY FEAR WHEN HE WAS WATER BAPTIZED.

2 Tim 1:6-7 (KJV) 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

2 Tim 1:7 (KJV) 7 FOR GOD HATH NOT GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF FEAR; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE PSALMIST DAVID WHO EXPERIENCED **UNGODLY FEAR** AND UNDERSTOOD THAT **UNGODLY FEAR** NEEDED TO BE REPLACED BY **THE FEAR OF GOD**.

THE PSALMIST DAVID SOUGHT THE LORD TO BE DELIVERED FROM UNGODLY FEAR.

Psa 34:4 (KJV) 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me FROM ALL MY FEARS.

THE PSALMIST DAVID ENCOURAGED THE SAINTS OF GOD TO HAVE GODLY FEAR TOWARDS THE LORD WHICH WILL REPLACE THE UNGODLY FEAR.

Psa 34:9 (KJV) 9 O FEAR THE LORD, YE HIS SAINTS: FOR THERE IS NO WANT TO THEM THAT FEAR HIM.

Psa 34:11 (KJV) 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I WILL TEACH YOU THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD DWELLING IN ONE WHO IS BORN AGAIN.

THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS LOVING GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST ABOVE OUR SOUL LIFE.

Luke 14:26-27 (KJV) 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, AND HIS OWN LIFE ALSO, he cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27 (KJV) 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON **THE PERECT LOVE OF GOD** WHICH MUST BE IMPARTED AS A FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

John 12:24-25 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 12:25 (KJV) 25 **HE THAT LOVETH HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; AND HE THAT HATETH HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD SHALL KEEP IT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL.**

John 15:13 (KJV) 13 **GREATER LOVE** HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

Rom 5:5 (KJV) 5 **AND HOPE MAKETH NOT ASHAMED; BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS GIVEN UNTO US.**

1 Peter 1:22-23 (KJV) 22 **SEEING YE HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT UNTO UNFEIGNED LOVE OF THE BRETHREN, SEE THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH A PURE HEART FERVENTLY:**

1 Peter 1:23 (KJV) 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

THE **LOVE OF GOD** IS PERFECTED IN THOSE WHO KEEP THE WORD OF GOD IN THEIR HEART.

1 John 2:5-6 (KJV) 5 **BUT WHOSO KEEPETH HIS WORD, IN HIM VERILY IS THE LOVE OF GOD PERFECTED:** hereby know we that we are in him.

1 John 2:6 (KJV) 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1 John 3:16 (KJV) 16 **HEREBY PERCEIVE WE THE LOVE OF GOD, BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US: AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.**

THE APOSTLE JOHN STATED THAT **THE LOVE OF GOD** IS PERFECTED IN US IN **THE TRUTH OF GOD** BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 John 3:18 (KJV) 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.

JESUS CHRIST DID NOT FIND **THE LOVE OF GOD PERFECT** IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

WE CAN LOSE THIS **FIRST LOVE OF GOD** OF LAYING DOWN OUR LIFE FOR GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST BY ALLOWING OUR LOVE FOR THE DESIRE OF THE THINGS IN THE WORLD AND OTHERS TO BE ABOVE THE LOVE FOR GOD.

Rev 2:4-5 (KJV) 4 NEVERTHELESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY **FIRST LOVE.**

Rev 2:5 (KJV) 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 CONTINUED VERSE 19

IN **1 JOHN 4:19** THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS EXHORTING THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA TO DEMONSTRATE THE LOVE FOR GOD BY LOVING THE HEBREW BRETHREN FROM THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA, WHO WERE NOW SEEKING REFUGE IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN ASIA BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION OF THE ROMANS FOR THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE.

1 John 4:19 (KJV) 19 WE LOVE HIM, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

John 15:9 (KJV) 9 AS THE FATHER HATH LOVED ME, SO HAVE I LOVED YOU: CONTINUE YE IN MY LOVE.

John 15:12 (KJV) 12 THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

John 15:17 (KJV) 17 THESE THINGS I COMMAND YOU, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

❖ 1 JOHN CHAPTER 4 VERSES 20-21

IN 1 JOHN 4:20-21, THE APOSTLE JOHN WAS EXPLAINING TO THE ISRAELITE BRETHREN THAT THEY CANNOT SAY THAT THEY LOVE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM THEY CANNOT SEE AND YET HATE THEIR HEBREW BRETHREN WHO WERE SEEKING REFUGE AMONGST THEM.

1 John 4:20-21 (KJV) 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

1 John 4:21 (KJV) 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

John 14:21 (KJV) 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Lev 19:17 (KJV) 17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Matt 24:12 (KJV) 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

1 John 2:9-11 (KJV) 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

1 John 2:10 (KJV) 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1 John 2:11 (KJV) 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1 John 3:15 (KJV) 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.